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Taking part in the historic wedding service under the chupah are, from left: Rabbi Abraham Feffer of Toronto, Mark Lauber, a friend of the groom, Carlos Munoz of Seville, brother-in-law of the bride, bride Maria Jose Romero Varo, bridegroom Edward Mirsky, Manuel Romero, brother of the bride, and Simon Hassan, president of Seville's Jewish community.

Couple's wedding a first in 500 years

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —The first Jewish wedding in Cordoba, Spain, in 500 years, involving a Toronto couple, was page one news in Spanish newspapers and was featured on national Spanish TV.

"It caused much excitement among the citizens of Cordoba who saw it as a reaffirmation of the days, before the inquisition, when Cordoba was a city of one million with 200,000 Jews," said bridegroom Edward Mirsky, 29, of Toronto.

The wedding took place in a building known simply as "the synagogue," built in 1315, on Jewish Street, but never used after Jews were expelled from Spain in 1492. It is now a Jewish museum. The ceremony was held in what was the sanctuary of the ancient synagogue. Not far away is a statue of Maimonides who was born in Cordoba.

The bride, Maria Jose Romero Varo, 28, of Aguilar de la Frontora, near Cordoba, converted to Judaism last year under the supervision of Rabbi Abraham Feffer, of Toronto, a consultant on conversion to the Conservative Synagogues.

Rabbi Feffer, a Holocaust survivor, performed the ceremony in Cordoba, and for him it was a victory over the oppressors who robbed him of his family in Dobrin, Poland, for he believes it may aid a Jewish renaissance in Spain. He once took a year-long sabbatical to confront the hard memories of Auschwitz.

To arrange for the wedding in the old synagogue was no simple matter, Mirsky told *The CJN*. "It took from four to six months of negotiations, initiated by the Canadian ambassador, and went right down to the wire. We didn't get written permission until one month before the date. It would not have been possible without the new mood in Spain created by the King's apology to the Jewish people on the 500th anniversary of the expulsion."

Among guests were Yaakov Cohen, Israeli ambassador, Jean Pierre Juneau, the Canadian ambassador, Simson Hassan, president of the Jewish community of neighboring Seville, Helga Mirsky, of Ecuador and Toronto, mother of the bridegroom, Robert, of Florida, his brother, Concepcion and Manuel Romero, parents of the bride, Manuel Romero, her brother, and Mark Lauber, of London, England, a friend of the groom.

Edward and Maria met in New York in early 1991, on Maria's first trip to North America, through a mutual friend from Venezuela. Since Edward was born in Ecuador, and lived there till he was nine years old, he was able to speak Spanish to the vivacious brown-eyed senorita from the little village near Cordoba.

They were first married in a civil ceremony in New York in 1991 after an eight-month courtship. "But prior to that I decided I wanted to convert and I started the conversion lessons in New York," Maria said. "Then Edward was fired from his banking job and we came to Toronto in October, 1991, and later I continued and completed the conversion process with a wonderful teacher, Rabbi Feffer."

Maria said she wasn't active in practising her Catholic religion. "I feel more comfortable with my Jewish identity and I'm really happy for the change I made. My parents have been very supportive and my mother, who is very religious, told me my happiness was more important."

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Campbell defends Jewish minister

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Prime Minister Kim Campbell is standing by Multiculturalism Minister Gerry Weiner even as opposition members of Parliament are calling for the head of Canada's sole Jewish cabinet member.

Weiner was at the centre of a storm last week after a story in *The Montreal Gazette* stated he lobbied the heads of several ethnic groups to help his son Mark in the race for a local Tory nomination.

Mark Weiner, 28, later won the Conservative nomination in the riding of St. Laurent-Cartierville by just eight votes amid charges of nepotism and abuse of power hurled at his father.

The July 12 *Gazette* story, which appeared the day of the nomination, reported that the elder Weiner had been asking the heads of several ethno-cultural organizations to help his son in the campaign for the nod in the riding.

One ethnic leader was quoted as saying he felt pressure by the requests, fearing his organization could lose funding from Weiner's department, which doles out millions of dollars yearly to a variety of groups.

"He said, 'If you can help him [Mark], it would be very helpful.' To our minds, there was no confusion; if we helped, probably we'd be able to get the grants," Umanath Tiwari, president of the National Association of Canadians of Origins in India (NACOI) was quoted as saying.

"It was clear to me that there wouldn't be anything if his son wasn't helped. So we helped him out." In retrospect, "I don't think it was a very proper thing for [Weiner] to do," Tiwari told *The Gazette*.

Tiwari did not return *The CJN's* telephone calls.

The story said Gerry Weiner also asked officials of the Hellenic-Canadian Congress, the Armenian National Committee of Montreal and St. Michael's Greek Orthodox Church in Montreal to help his son in the race. Representatives of those organizations told *The Gazette* they did not feel pressured by Weiner's requests.

Almost immediately after the story was published, two opposition MPs called for Weiner to resign or for Campbell to fire him.

But the prime minister last week accepted Weiner's explanation that he meant no wrong when he lobbied the ethnic leaders. Campbell's office said Weiner's intentions were not inappropriate and did not contravene conflict of interest guidelines.

The CJN was unable to reach Weiner for comment.

"And you won't," said his chief policy advisor, Neil Drabkin. "I've been advised to speak to *The CJN*."

It has been "categorically determined that at no time did [Weiner] do anything remotely unethical," Drabkin said. He called the *Gazette* story "a hatchet job" and a "witch-hunt" and said his boss is giving "serious consideration" to laying a formal complaint with the Quebec Press Council.

"At no time" did Weiner approach Jewish groups to help his son, Drabkin stressed.

Instead of speaking to reporters, Weiner issued a statement saying that "While I have discussed my son's candidacy for the nomination in St. Laurent with numerous people over the past several months, at no time have I or any member of my staff or family, either directly or indirectly, promised, provided or denied funding from my department to any individual or group in return for political support or any benefit for myself or any other person."

In a Montreal radio interview later, Weiner again defended his actions, saying he helped his son "as a father" and not as a cabinet minister.

The Quebec region of Canadian Jewish Congress was quick with a defence for the minister.

CJC, along with the Hellenic Congress of Quebec and the National Congress of Italian Canadians, Quebec Region, issued a joint statement in which the groups said they "would like to register their respect and appreciation for the leadership shown by Weiner in recent years, as he has been in the forefront of the fight against racism and work on behalf of improved intercultural relations in Canada."

Weiner's overtures to ethnic groups on his son's behalf "are totally unacceptable," said Liberal multiculturalism critic Shirley Maheu, who, ironically, is the sitting member for St. Laurent and will face Mark Weiner in the riding in the coming election.

"The impression that pressure was brought to bear [on ethnic groups] further puts into question the honesty of politicians," Maheu, one of the two MPs who called for Weiner's ouster, told *The CJN*. "[Weiner] did speak to people and just by the suggestion of that, anyone can infer that connections were made, no matter how you look at it."

Despite Campbell's support for Weiner, "I wouldn't stay on if I were the minister," Maheu added.

NDP multiculturalism critic Margaret Mitchell, who also said Campbell should fire Weiner, called the episode "a real conflict of interest."

Jews in a Changing World

AIDS

A Jewish Problem?

CJN reporter Stephanie Chapman takes a look at how the Jewish community is handling this fatal disease.

Starting next week.

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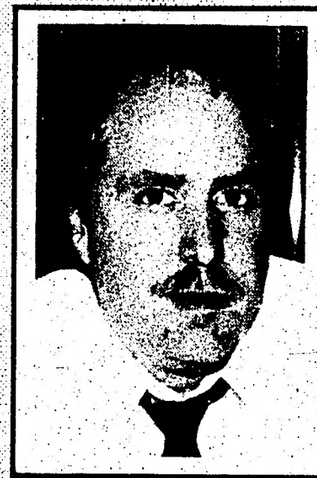

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Dr. Andras Losonci (left) director of the Charity Jewish Hospital of Hungary, spoke to Arpad Goncz, president of Hungary, outside of the hospital recently.

Budapest Jewish Hospital seeks financial assistance to expand facilities

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Dr. Andras Losonci, director of Budapest's Charity Jewish Hospital of Hungary, is seeking assistance — $1 million worth of assistance. The hospital, which is the only Jewish one in Eastern Europe, is to be expanded by 80 beds now that an adjacent building has been returned to the hospital by the government.

The four-storey building, which was seized by the government in 1951 and is in need of major renovations, was returned under recent legislation to compensate the Hungarian Jewish Congress for confiscation of buildings owned by religious organizations.

The hospital, which offers kosher meals and religious services, was expanded from 190 to 240 beds in 1990, when a new wing was added. Funding from the American Joint Distribution Committee and the Hungarian government, as well as contributions from Toronto's Reichmann family, Leslie Dan and Frank Liebmann, among others, made the addition possible.

Hungary's Jewish population currently numbers about 120,000, some 40,000 of whom are aging Holocaust survivors. The hospital also serves patients from nearby East European countries.

There has definitely been a revival of Jewish life in Budapest, says Liebmann, who visited there in May. "Considering the Holocaust and Stalin, it is almost a miracle. There are three private Jewish schools and about half a dozen synagogues. There are organizations I thought had died — like Habonim."

One of the results, said Liebmann, who escaped from Hungary in 1956, is a greater need for funding on the hospital's part. Liebmann has run three fundraisers which raised $78,000 for the hospital over the past three years, he said.

The hospital, with a large number of chronic care patients and an average patient stay of seven months, gets little help compared to Israeli hospitals, Dan said. "These are Jewish patients just the same." Dan's firm has supplied the hospital with some medications, but a variety of general hospital supplies are still needed.

Tax-deductible donations (made out to B'nai Brith Foundation/Charity Hospital) may be forwarded to B'nai Brith Canada, 15 Hove St., Downsview, Ont. M3H 4Y8 with instructions that the donations are for the Hungarian Jewish Charity Hospital Building Fund.

Anyone wishing to assist Liebmann with another fundraiser may contact him at 222-7292.

Kosher meals offered

Cantors, choir raise voices to aid Israeli disabled soldiers

By DEBBIE LIGHTSTONE

TORONTO — Al "King of Kensington" Waxman has to turn down a lot of requests to serve as master of ceremonies, but hosting Beit Halochem Canada's recent fundraising gala for Israel's disabled war veterans was an offer he couldn't refuse.

"I came tonight because of a memory I carry with me. In 1948 I was 13 years old, and that year I started on the road to manhood for two reasons: my Bar Mitzvah and the birth of the state of Israel.

"Prior to that, almost every day of my life I encountered some form of anti-Semitism. I played hockey in arenas where Jews were not allowed. I can tell you I got into a lot of fistfights, because the guys thought you were a pushover just because you were a Jew.

"Then, in 1948, this small, marvellous, miraculous band that was the beginning of the Israel Defence Forces stood up against overwhelming odds, and won. And suddenly we Jews were no longer pushovers. I stood taller, and Jews all over the world stood taller," Waxman said.

The actor's emotion was shared by the more than one thousand people who attended the gala at the Adath Israel Synagogue, and who clapped and sang along with the evening's entertainers.

A trio of cantors, A. Eliezer Kirshblum of Adath Israel Synagogue, Paul Kowarsky of Beth Tzedec Congregation and Benjamin Maissner of Holy Blossom Temple, sang Jewish melodies and medleys with gusto and humor. The Neimot Choir also contributed to the evening's enjoyment.

Israeli singer Ron Eliran moved the crowd with his songs of war, peace and love. He ended with a song that was a special request from Shai Schechter, chair of the board of Beit Halochem Canada and himself an Israeli vet who was wounded by shell fire in Lebanon in 1982. The song was *Ani Mavtiach Lach*, I Promise You. In it, a soldier promises his daughter that this war will be the last.

Judith Ross, who co-chaired the function with Irit Nayot, spoke of the serious challenge that underlay the evening's festive mood.

"Tonight is a night for dreams and for heroes, the heroes of six senseless wars, who protect the Jewish state and who pay an unspeakable price. There is no happily ever after for them," Ross said.

"The Beit Halochem rehabilitation centres exist to help them in their struggle. At first, raising $2 million to equip the new Beit Halochem in Jerusalem seemed a monumental task. But today we have reached the first million dollar plateau," she said.

Some of the heroes she was talking about were present at the gala.

Among them was Sorin Hershku, the 38-year-old paratrooper who took part in the 1976 Israeli commando raid at Entebbe. He was severely injured and became paralyzed from the neck down.

From his wheelchair, on the stage, Hershku told the audience how Beit Halochem helped him adjust and lead a satisfying life.

"I've spent a lot of time in that place, and it is unique in the world," he said.

Shaila Gottlieb, president of Beit Halochem Canada, presented Hershku with a cheque for $1 million for the Jerusalem centre.

"You have our promise and our pledge that within the next year, we will fulfill our obligation," she said.

While visiting local Jewish high schools, Hershku said the students asked if he had received any medals when he returned from Entebbe.

"My reply was, the only award I asked for was the honor, respect and appreciation of our society, and in the last week here in Toronto we got plenty of that," he said.

Hershku's "we" referred to the other guests of honor at the concert, 10 disabled Israeli veterans who were visiting Toronto for two weeks as part of Beit Halochem Canada's annual group visit program.

They stayed with families from Temple Sinai, sharing a tour of the city, a trip to Niagara Falls, visits to museums, art galleries and Jewish day schools, and many evenings of conversation and laughter over the dinner table with their host families.

For many, the concert was the highlight of their visit.

"It was the very top. Some of us had tears in our eyes," said 44-year-old Igal Gamliel, a paratrooper who tore his knee ligaments during a jump when he was 21, yet attained the rank of colonel despite his injury.

Forty-year-old Ephraim (Ephi) Lavon, a police captain from Acco who has spent more than two years in hospital since suffering an ulcer attack while on duty in Lebanon in 1985, said the concert gave him goosebumps.

"The participation of all the people, how they opened up and gave of themselves . . . hearing them singing Israeli songs, and finishing with *Hatikvah*, it was very exciting and moving."

NEW U OF T FACULTY BEGUN

Ontario Lieutenant-Governor Henry Jackman recently partipated in a groundbreaking ceremony to inauguarate construction of the University of Toronto's new Faculty of Management building, to be named the Joseph L. Rotman Faculty of Management Building. It will be the new home to over 1,500 students and 70 faculty when complete in 1995. Participating in the groundbreaking is (from left) Robert McGavin, chair of U of T's Governing Council; Rose Wolfe, chancellor of U of T; Jackman; Sandy Rotman; Joseph Rotman, chair and CEO of Clairvest Group Inc.; Hugh Arnold, dean of U of T faculty of management; and Robert Prichard, president of U of T.

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Accused in PEI hate trial claims frame-up by Mossad

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — For only the eighth time in its 23 years of existence, Canada's anti-hate law has been dusted off and put into service as a Lebanese landed immigrant living in Charlottetown, PEI, is facing charges of promoting hatred against Jews.

The sensational, and somewhat unusual trial of Michel Safadi, allegedly a former member of the National Lebanese Army, has captured the attention of the island province. In addition to allegations of promoting hate, Safadi is charged with attempted murder, carrying a dangerous weapon and threatening to torch a local restaurant.

Safadi, 29, has denied the allegations, suggesting he is the victim of a conspiracy to incriminate him that involves Israel's secret service agency, the Mossad.

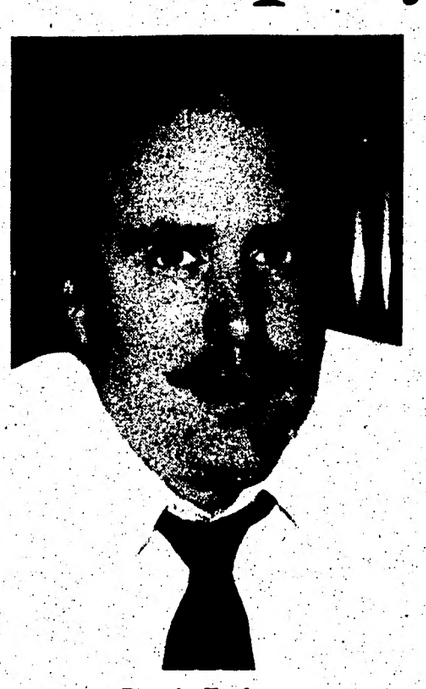
The Crown's evidence produced at trial, and reported in *The Guardian* newspaper of Charlottetown, showed that numerous letters that attacked Christianity were sent to churches and businesses in Prince Edward Island in 1991 and 1992. Two letters mailed to residents of the island province contained Safadi's prints, evidence showed. Some of the letters were of a threatening nature.

Sam Wakim, owner of the Lunch Bar Restaurant, testified that he received a letter threatening to destroy his restaurant. When he returned from a visit to Lebanon in October 1991, he found that his eatery had been burned down.

The Guardian reported that Wakim received other letters in September 1991 which were signed with the Star of David.

Sol Tweel, also Lebanese, said his wife sponsored Safadi on his arrival to Canada. He testifed that he received three letters, including a death threat. The two, non-threatening letters contained the Star of David and some Hebrew writing.

Another witness, Montague Town Councillor Bonnie Peardon, testified that she found eight obscene letters



Bernie Farber

outside the town hall in July 1991, which had been addressed to various churches and the RCMP.

The RCMP later found a palm and finger print on the envelopes that match Safadi's. An RCMP handwriting expert testified that the writing on alleged hate mail sent to islanders matched that of Safadi.

Testifying as an expert witness on anti-Semitism and on hateful symbols and on their affects on Jews, Bernie Farber, director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, said the letters go beyond anti-Semitism, since they purport to be written by Jews.

He said the letters were obscene and condemned many Christian symbols, including Jesus, the Virgin Mary and the Holy Spirit. The letters are signed with the Star of David and some say that "the Holy Spirit is a dirty spirit" and "we are coming to destroy Christianity." Some of the letters are signed, "The Free Jews."

Farber said he did not believe the letters were written by Jews, but have all the hallmarks of of someone motivated by hatred of Jews.

Other evidence produced at trial showed that PEI resident John MacEachern was shot in the abdomen as he was entering his home on Dec. 15, 1992. MacEachern was occupying a duplex owned by Lorne Israel, who was listed in the 1992 telephone directory as residing at that address.

Police found Safadi in a field across from the home two days after the shooting, in virtually the same spot where they had picked up three spent cartridges. A firearms expert testified that the three spent cartridges found at the sight were fired from a gun later recovered from Safadi. Safadi contended he was hunting raccoons at the time of his arrest.

Testifying in his own behalf, Safadi said the Mossad was involved in a two-year plot to frame him for the charges he is facing. He said a group of suspicious strangers who he believed were from the Mossad trailed him for several months in 1991 and 1992 and may have planted evidence in his apartment, *The Guardian* reported.

Safadi said a brown-haired stranger once walked into the restaurant where he was working and another employee told him the stranger was wearing the symbol for the Mossad on his jacket.

Safadi said he did not know why the RCMP found three spent cartridges in the field where he was arrested and he suggested a firearms expert lied when he testified the casings matched his gun. Safadi denied loading the gun he was carrying when he was arrested and suggested "it loaded itself" when he dropped it on the ground.

"Have you ever heard of a gun loading itself?" Crown prosecutor Bert Visser asked. "Perhaps that's part of the conspiracy too."

Hal Joffe, national co-chair of community relations for Congress, said, "I commend the province of Prince Edward Island for recognizing that this [anti-hate] law exists and can and should be used."

A verdict in the Safadi trial, which was monitored by the Atlantic Jewish Council, was expected after *The CJN* went to press.

Canadian athletes win gold medals

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Camaraderie, not competition, was the theme of the closing ceremony of the 14th Maccabiah.

The extravaganza, which took place last Thursday night below the walls of Jerusalem's Old City, was a hi-tech tribute to the athletes who participated in the athletic competition.

Israel, with 82 gold medals, was the big winner, while the United States scored 51 golds. Canada and the Commonwealth of Independent States tied with 14 golds apiece.

No matter how they fared on the playing field, however, few of the athletes seemed to be going home disappointed.

"I didn't do as well on the tennis court as I had hoped," said 17-year-old player Yael Stuart of Vancouver, "but I had a great time in Israel."

Stuart, who also competed in the last Maccabiah, described the competition as "a rare opportunity to meet other Jewish people. I also love Tel Aviv, especially the beach and Dizengoff Center. I can't wait to come again."

Joseph Kibur, the 21-year-old runner who was born in the Gondar region of Ethiopia, fought off the challenges of the Jewish world's best runners and captured three individual gold medals in long distance races.

Joseph, who is studying systems analysis on an athletic scholarship at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, has already represented Canada at numerous international events.

In other results, Canada's softball team gained a measure of sweet revenge over their archrivals, the United States, which had defeated them the previous two Maccabiahs in gold medal games. This time, Canada's boys in white and red rode the strong pitching of Toronto hurler Mark Bendahan to a 4-3 gold medal win over the United States.

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Poles recognized for their heroism

WARSAW (JTA) — Nearly a half century after the end of World War II, Israel's ambassador here presented over two dozen Poles with medals recognizing their heroic acts in saving Jewish lives during the Nazi occupation.

The recent ceremony marked the first time that any Polish citizen had been honored on home soil for saving Jewish lives in Poland. It was also the first time many of the recipients had received public recognition of any sort.

The Holocaust and Polish-Jewish relations were long considered taboo topics under the Communist regime in Poland.

The rescuers, who were also given honorary Israeli citizenship, were recognized during proceedings of the first International Conference on Rescuers of Jews During the Holocaust.

The conference also brought together Jewish Holocaust survivors and the Poles who had saved them.

"Without the help of the righteous, we were dead," said one such survivor, Jack Pariser, who now lives in the United States. He recalled how his rescuers, whom he met for the first time since the war ended, hid his family in a pit underneath their house.

"I look at it not as saving us, but as giving us life," he said. "It is a terrible debt to owe somebody."

Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, which sponsored the conference, said about the meetings: "I feel it was successful because it identified this subject of Poles rescuing Jews as one which is in need of original research.

"This conference has also made the beginning of an impact in Poland," said Foxman, who was himself saved by his Polish Catholic nanny.

Looking toward the future, Foxman expressed the hope that "the Polish government will find a way to honor these people (the rescuers) as national heroes.

"They are not just Jewish heroes but also Polish heroes," he said.

The conference — titled Can Indifference Kill? — also featured two days of scholarly presentations and debate on Polish-Jewish relations and the action, or inaction, taken to save the Jews from the Nazis.

The presentations on the Polish record during the war inspired the most heated debate, reflecting a growing controversy in Poland that has emerged since the collapse of communism and the beginning of free academic inquiry.

Yehuda Bauer, a professor of Holocaust studies at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and a participant in the presentations, explained his view on the new controversy.

"I think the Poles are still in the first stages of self-investigation," the prominent scholar said.

"They are doing what the British, the Americans and the Jews did right after the war. They are engaging in apologetics," said Bauer.

Tomasz Szarota, a professor at the Historical Institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences, saw the situation as a continuing legacy of communism.

"Many of my colleagues have continued the official line of anti-Semitism from before. The only difference is that now we can freely discuss these issues," he said.

Many of the Poles who saved Jews never sought any public recognition for their heroic acts for fear of societal or political consequences in Communist Poland.

Wedding guests mingle in the sanctuary of the ancient synagogue built in 1315 in Cordoba. The Israeli and Canadian ambassadors to Spain attended the event.

Network Caravan plans set

TORONTO — Network Canada, the Canadian arm of World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS), is planning its third cross-country Caravan to be held late this summer.

The Caravan consists of no more than 20 students from across Canada travelling by bus from one Jewish community to another, holding programs and establishing contacts. This year's Caravan will deal with the issue of white supremacy in Canada. An expert on the issue will accompany the students, address community members and inform the students themselves.

Network "is constantly working toward raising awareness nationwide of the dangers of racist individuals and groups," according to a recent press release. One of Network's annual events is a lobby day in Ottawa, to meet with politicians on issues concerning the Jewish community.

In addition to dealing with white supremacy, the "overriding theme" of Caravan is Jewish identity and outreach to smaller communities, said Naomi Ulpian, Network's policy adviser.

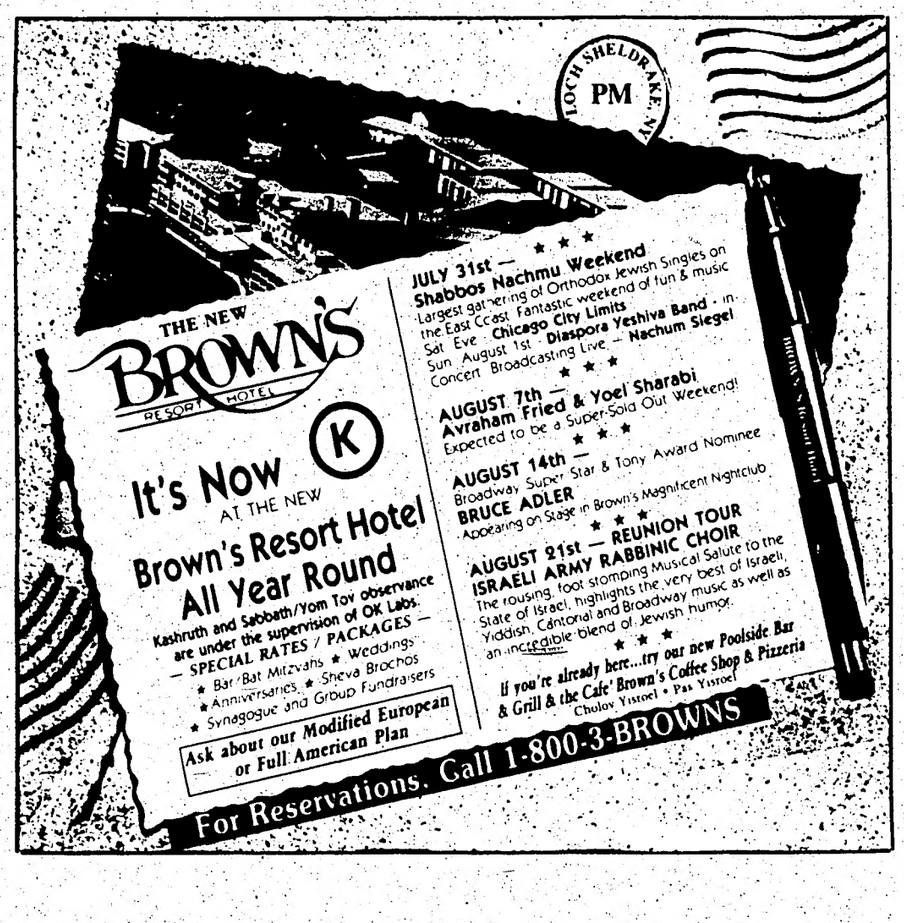
Originally billed as a Cross-Canada Caravan, the event is being scaled down for budgetary reasons. The overall cost of mounting the program will be between $20,000 and $25,000, less than half of which has been confirmed. Network is still seeking corporate sponsorship and individual donations.

The Caravan, which will run from seven to 10 days, may start as far west as Winnipeg and is scheduled to include the Atlantic provinces, said Ulpian.

This year will mark the first Caravan since 1990, when students travelled from Vancouver to Montreal to deal with the issue of Operation Exodus.

Students pay a nominal fee which includes kosher food and airfare to and from the starting and ending points. Accommodation is usually provided in private homes or on the floors of local Jewish community centres.

For further information about this year's Caravan or if you would like to offer financial assistance, call Network's national office at 416-783-1165 or 1-800-465-1807, or write to 3535 Bathurst St., Ste. 201, Toronto, Ontario M6A 2C7.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Jewish wedding held in Spain

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Mirsky said he and his wife from the beginning had wanted eventually to be married in a synagogue and the idea of having the wedding in Cordoba, with all its attendant symbolism, and the opportunity for Maria's family to attend, excited them.

Son of Helga Mirsky, and the late Arthur Mirsky, Edward grew up in Toronto and attended York Mills Collegiate, moving to Montreal to attend McGill University. He and his wife are self-employed consultants. They attend Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

Rabbi Feffer said he was deeply touched by the kindness and sympathy shown to him by non-Jewish Spanish people when they saw the Auschwitz tattoo on his arm. He happened to ask one man why so many Spanish men walk with their hands clasped behind their backs and was told that it derived from the time that their forefathers, who were Jews, thus walked their leisurely way on the Sabbath.

A scene in Madrid also gladdened Rabbi Feffer's heart with its omen for a Jewish presence. "I saw the Lubavitcher rabbi's representative with his many children playing in the streets of Madrid wearing their tzitzis visibly protruding from their shirts, thus proclaiming happily, 'I am a Jew'."

He spoke highly of Maria Mirsky. "As my student she excelled in the required curriculum. She will no doubt continue to be a source of inspiration and model to others. At the wedding ceremony, she was sad that we did not have a full minyan because there were only seven Jewish men, including the Israeli ambassador, and she would have liked to have heard the Seven Benedictions which are not chanted without a minyan."

Reform debates sensitive issues

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Non-Jews should be welcome to pray in Reform synagogues but it is inappropriate for them to be members of the congregation, said the outgoing president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) at the organization's annual convention.

"There are definite and well-defined boundaries between Judaism and Christianity and other religions. There is no gray area; one is a Jew or a Gentile," said Rabbi Walter Jacob of Pittsburgh.

Non-Jews who wish to join congregations should convert to Judaism, he said. Otherwise, they may worship and study in the synagogues as "honored guests," and can be involved in the life-cycle events of their children who have been raised as Jews.

"Anything beyond that is absurd and an oxymoron," Rabbi Jacob said. "Some families will be unhappy about this; that does not matter. It is our task to preserve and strengthen Judaism. Sometimes it will disturb people as well as make them feel guilty."

The "open-ended nature" of Reform Judaism has created confusion and brought unforeseen problems, as well as made positive contributions to modern Jewish life, he said.

More than 500 of the CCAR's 1,700 member rabbis in the United States and Canada attended the 104th annual convention. Rabbi Jacob, senior rabbi of Congregation Rodef Shalom in Pittsburgh, was succeeded as CCAR president by Toronto-born Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman of Dallas.

The phenomenon of significant numbers of non-Jews in Reform congregations, the result of mixed marriages or deliberate efforts to reach out to interfaith couples, was discussed at a closed three-hour preconvention workshop.

Under discussion was a report entitled *Defining the Role of the Non-Jew in the Synagogue*, published two years ago by the CCAR and and Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The goal of a CCAR-UAHC commission was to study how congregations and rabbis have successfully established "clear policies about membership, governance and ritual participation of non-Jews, while at the same time warmly welcoming interfaith families."

Rabbi Jacob, speaking from almost 40 years in the rabbinate, also warned against Reform Judaism losing sight of "the Jewish ideal" in human relationships, the monogamous family.

The lifestyles of never-marrieds, single parents, unwed couples and homosexual partnerships, all of whom can be found in Reform congregations, are not "alright and equally acceptable as Jewish ideals," he said.

Reform Judaism should not follow "the path of the American liberal" and give up on the traditional family structure.

At the convention, a session was held on the issue of sanctifying same-sex unions. Led by Rabbi Elyse Goldstein of Toronto, the session was described as an exploratory dialogue on a "sensitive subject."

The subject of gender was also broached by Rabbi Jordan Pearlson in an address at the convention's opening plenary.

"Change must take place without the cost of our community's gender integrities," Rabbi Pearlson said. "Life and Judaism continue because gender leads to Jewish babies raised as Jews. Without gender orientation, there is no people, no future."

Yemenite Jews on the move

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — An official in Yemen said on Thursday that his government could not stop Yemenite Jews from traveling to Israel, if they did so through another country.

"The freedom of travel for Yemenites, whether Muslims or Jews, is guaranteed in the constitution and Yemen's laws. They can travel to any country they want except Israel," said the official.

He told *Reuters* that Yemenite Jews were known to have migrated to Israel through other countries.

Meanwhile, 34 more Yemenite Jews landed at Ben-Gurion Airport on Thursday afternoon. They had left Yemen prior to Thursday's disclosure of the Yemenite Jewish immigration, and had traveled to Israel via an undisclosed country.

The festive welcome planned for them by Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar, who is of Yemenite origin, was canceled at the last minute, and reporters were barred from covering the arrival.

After being processed at the airport, they were taken to Ashkelon's Barnea absorption center, where they received an emotional welcome from the 90 other Yemenite Jews living there.

Even as the Yemenite Jews continued to arrive, the decision to lift the veil of secrecy surrounding their immigration drew sharp criticism.

In the Knesset on Thursday the Moledet faction submitted an urgent motion over what it called the "scandalous publication" of the information, which it feared would jeopardize further immigration before the operation was completed.

"There is a grave risk that we will not see any more Jews from Yemen over the next few months. Who knows if this is not the end of aliya from there?" said Interior Minister Aryeh Deri.

"Whoever published anything about this should take responsibility for the consequences," said Deri, alluding to the Degel Hatora daily *Yated Ne'eman*, which since the end of March has been running a series of articles about "immigrants from a country of distress."

Jewish Agency Treasurer Hanan Ben-Yehuda, while lambasting the insensitivity behind the leak, was also looking for heads to roll. Ben-Yehuda is demanding that anyone in a position to disclose information about immigration from Yemen submit to a lie detector test. "Whoever did this has caused irreparable harm to the state," he said.

Ben-Yehuda said that not only is the immigration of Jews from Yemen at stake, but also that of Jews from other countries with which Israel is trying to reach some kind of an accommodation to enable Jews to leave.

Speaking in Netanya on Thursday Housing Minister Binyamin Ben Eliezer accused the "anti-Zionist haredim" of interfering with the aliya operation and risking the lives of those Jews still in Yemen by publicizing details of the Yemenites arrival here.

Jerusalem Jewish population up

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Jews now outnumber Palestinians in the section of Jerusalem that was under Jordanian rule prior to 1967, according to Deputy Mayor Avraham Kahilla.

The finding, which came as a surprise to many, including residents of this city, was based on recent surveys by the government and a private group, Kahilla said.

The number of Jews now living in those areas of the city that were Jordanian before being captured by Israel in 1967 exceeds 160,000. The number of Palestinians living in those same areas is about 155,000.

Kahilla said Jews became a majority in eastern Jerusalem sometime during the last year and a half, mainly due to the development of the northern Jewish suburb of Pisgat Ze'ev, situated between the Jewish suburbs of Neveh Ya'acov and French Hill.

Kahilla predicted that the Jewish population growth would continue at this accelerated rate. He said 6,000 additional housing units in Pisgat Ze'ev are approaching completion.

Kahilla, a lifelong member of the Labor Party, said the demography is a fact of political life that should be taken into consideration by everyone dealing with aspects of Jerusalem's political future.

A former Jerusalem deputy mayor and noted academic expert on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Meron Benvenisti, said in an interview that the Jewish suburbs of eastern Jerusalem are indistinguishable, in Palestinian eyes, from Jewish settlement in the territories.

"There is no difference to them between Ofra (a West Bank settlement) and Gilo (a southern Jerusalem suburb)," Benvenisti said in the newspaper *Ha'aretz*.

Kahilla's report comes against the backdrop of a hardening deadlock in the Washington peace talks, chiefly over the issue of Jerusalem's status.

The Palestinians are demanding that eastern Jerusalem fall under the jurisdiction of the autonomy plan, or at least that "settlement" activities there cease so as not to prejudice the final political disposition of the city, to be determined in negotiations slated to begin three years after autonomy goes into effect.

Benvenisti said the publication of these new population statistics would sharpen the issues, since the Americans and others have steadily come to accept that demographic realities are creating facts on the ground in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

He pointed out that the area that the present government calls "Greater Jerusalem" adds 40,000 Jews to the city's demographic equation by incorporating "satellite" towns and villages, such as Ma'aleh Adumim, that the government regards as destined to remain under Israeli rule.

But these outlying areas also include a much larger number of Arabs, he observed. Under the government's definition, he said, Greater Jerusalem's population today is 52 percent Jewish and 48 percent Arab.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr Catzman reports on his research in *The CJN*.

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KINRYS

Michael Kinrys, whose father hails from Sosnowiec, Poland, believes that his surname comes from the Sea of Kinnereth in the Galilee. It derives its name from the Hebrew word for harp because of its shape.

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CJN Exclusive

Ada Shamir

Ada Shamir, 28, is one of three Israeli lawyers currently on a U.S.-Israel Civil Liberties Law fellowship in Washington, D.C. A project of the New Israel Fund (NIF), the fellowship was set up in the mid-1980s to create a civil liberties bar in Israel.

Before going to Washington, Shamir (no relation to former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir) worked as the attorney and legal advisor for the Israel Women's Network, an NIF grantee known for its advocacy on behalf of women.

Shamir, who is Orthodox, has also been involved in projects relating to religious pluralism and tolerance and has lectured frequently to Israeli soldiers on issues relating to Jewish identity, pluralism and democracy.

On a recent visit to Toronto, she spoke to CJN reporter Frances Kraft in a wide-ranging interview.

CJN: *What ideas do you hope to take back to Israel?*

Shamir: The concept of civil liberties in Israel is not as developed as here. Israel could use more lawyers and grass roots organizations who deal with these issues.

In Washington I have a lot of small pieces of paper; tzetelach, you say in Yiddish, with ideas that I want to follow up when I go back to Israel.

For example, there are questions of financial support; discrimination and gender equality in the education system.

Anti-stalking laws are also an issue now in [North America]. I didn't even know what the word "stalking" meant. Once I understood, I said, "This is something I have to check." I wondered whether it is really a problem in Israel. I wondered whether introducing such a law in Israel would create a problem that maybe does not exist, or whether it would be better to introduce the law only if the problem becomes more serious.

So these are some of my ideas, and they're things I can do only when I'm back in Israel.

CJN: *What is at the top of your agenda?*

Shamir: Women's issues are really my concern, but I find equality generally and Jewish pluralism also very important.

CJN: *Why did you establish a Jewish study group for religious and secular students when you were in law school?*

Shamir: Jewish identity and Jewish continuity are also issues that I'm pretty obsessed with. I'm not interested in forcing my own way on anyone. I respect other opinions, but I do think that Judaism belongs to all of us as Jews. I think it's our responsibility to deal with these issues. I believe the texts we have in our Jewish tradition are very rich, and that we all have to have access to these sources. My intention was that we would have something in common, my generation and the next generations to come.

It was really wonderful. We studied in chavrutot, in pairs, and we tried to do it secular and religious so people would challenge themselves.

CJN: *The group only lasted a year. Do you feel it was worthwhile?*

Shamir: Yes, the year was excellent. I think people learned a lot. I'm sure that it enriched everyone who participated and created some friendships, which I believe are important. We live in the same society and we work together on issues even though we have differences.

CJN: *What issues, in addition to Jewish pluralism, did you deal with as an educational officer in the army?*

Shamir: We dealt with subjects such as democracy in the army — how to make it as democratic as possible within the system.

We dealt a lot with Jewish identity issues, although we didn't impose any opinions. We invited speakers who represented different ideological movements.

We dealt with Zionism, Israel-Diaspora relations, the Israel-Arab conflict, human rights questions, social gaps in Israel. The army is really a melting pot, bringing together people from different backgrounds.

I also lectured a lot about feminism in Israel, Jewish feminism and the status of women in Israel.

CJN: *Although you didn't impose your own opinions, as an Orthodox woman and a feminist, you have a very distinct point of view.*

Shamir: I don't like the word Orthodox, because I think these labels tend to divide the Jewish people, and not in a positive way.

I *am* part of the Orthodox community, and I'm proud of that. I believe in the religious Zionistic ideology. I believe that my responsibility as a Jew is for the people of Israel and to follow Jewish law, but in the framework of a nation.

CJN: *How common is it for an Orthodox woman in Israel to be a feminist?*

Shamir: It's not common, but I don't see it as a problem. I'm fully integrated in the Orthodox community, and I feel part of the feminist community as well.

Just before I left Israel, I participated in a television show about Parshat HaShavuah (Torah portion of the week) that dealt with [women's vows, which is] an issue of feminism and Judaism. Sometimes a woman's husband or father can free her from a vow, which is an interesting issue. I got some good feedback from the Orthodox community, and I felt I did justice to the Orthodox community and the feminist community.

I believe that the feminist approach does not contradict Judaism, but most Israeli feminists are secular and they don't approach things from a Jewish point of view. I feel that our tradition is so rich and has a lot to offer. I enjoy the fact that I can find answers to issues in my own background.

CJN: *Given your Orthodox background, was there a turning point when you became interested in feminist issues?*

Shamir: I feel that I grew up with it. As a member of the B'nei Akiva youth movement, every time we needed a Dvar Torah, it was clear that Ada was going to do it, even though it was more common for a boy to do the Dvar Torah. For me, it was natural. I went to a girls' school, and we davened together every day, always with someone from the class to lead the davening. The experience of women davening together, which is new to a lot of women here, is something I did every day in school.

CJN: *When did you start defining yourself as a feminist?*

Shamir: I was afraid of the word feminism in the beginning. When I was interviewed for the job in the Israel Women's Network, they asked if I'm a feminist, and I said, "I don't like the word. The connotation is not good, even if de facto I am a feminist."

I know I went through a process. I'm proud to identify myself with the feminist ideology.

CJN: *What type of misconceptions are there about Israeli feminists?*

Shamir: One stereotype of feminists in Israel is that they're against institutionalized aspects of religion, such as the rabbinical courts. This is true for some feminists, but not necessarily because they're feminists.

People also think if you're a feminist you're against family. This is not the idea. Israel is a very family-oriented society, and I find it positive. We don't have a high rate of divorce.

CJN: *How much does the low divorce rate have to do with the economy?*

Shamir: I assume it has to do to some degree with the economy, but I think it's also the structure of our society and the education we receive.

We have about 2.8 children per family, a high rate compared to North America. The demographic issue was always important in Israel, and we were encouraged to have more children. I think it's wonderful to have a family. It's definitely a Jewish value.

CJN: *As a woman lawyer, what was it like working with the Rabbinical courts?*

Shamir: I felt a lot of respect. The rabbis and civil servants (in the Ministry of Religion) seemed very open to working together and co-operating. They returned my phone calls, they tried to help as much as they could.

CJN: *How did your perspective on your work differ from that of other lawyers?*

Shamir: All the issues I was dealing with, in my mind, were Jewish issues. Equality in the workplace, equal payment — there's a lot in Judaism that deals with the worker. I enjoy bringing that perspective to the work I do.

CJN: *Divorce issues in Israel fall under the jurisdiction of the religious courts. What happens in the case of intermarriage?*

Shamir: Thank God we don't have a problem with intermarriage in Israel, at least not in serious numbers, but those people who are determined either go out of Israel to get married or just live together.

CJN: *If an inter-religious union doesn't work out, do the parties have any recourse in Israel?*

Shamir: Yes. We have a special law dealing with these cases. The Supreme Court in Israel, which is a secular court, decides which court — not necessarily a religious court — has jurisdiction [in each individual] case.

CJN: *Do you think Israeli men have changed over the last few years in their attitudes toward women? The image we have here is that they're very macho.*

Shamir: I'm against generalizations. Some men in Israel are macho. There is a basis for that, which is the army service, and the army is very important in Israel for both men and women.

Also the Hebrew language is in a way a very sexist language, because we don't have neutral [gender]. So when you mean neutral, you use the masculine.

I remember in the Network, some of the other feminists there said, "Come *on*, educate yourself, at least when you're speaking to women [not always to use the masculine]." When I speak to women I really try, but that's what I'm used to and it doesn't really bother me. It would bother some other people a lot.

But the language has an influence. It's common for men to call women Motek, like Honey.

CJN: *Have you experienced discrimination as a woman lawyer in Israel?*

Shamir: I litigated a private case regarding labor law issues and I had a meeting with a prominent Tel Aviv lawyer, a man of course, much older than I was. He tried to minimize my professional capacity and just [talk to me] as a woman. Those tactics were offensive in a way. A couple of times, he called me Yaffa ("beauty") instead of Ada.

I finally said, "My name is Ada, and this is how I would like to be approached." He said, "What's wrong with you? I'm giving you a compliment."

I told him, "I'm not against compliments, but your intentions were not complimentary." It ended there. He stopped. But that exists. There's a lot of power that's still in the hands of men. It's our responsibility as women, I think, to educate ourselves and work to be more involved in society. We see achievements.

CJN: *Tell me about the Israel Women's Network campaign to get women more involved in the political process.*

Shamir: We had a major campaign before the general elections in Israel. Women from the right wing to the left wing went to major city centres in Israel to encourage women to become members of political parties.

It was amazing to see all these women put their political differences aside. You saw a woman from the left wing convincing a woman from the right wing to join her [right-wing] party. It's unbelievable. This is just impossible in Israeli society. We're so politically oriented. And here was something so positive.

CJN: *You have spoken about halachic solutions in cases of agunot that could be used by religious courts. Can you give me any examples and tell me why they're not being used?*

Shamir: The most powerful type of decision — forcing a husband to give a Get — is used very rarely, because if there is a suspicion that the Get isn't given willingly, then it's basically not kosher.

It's not even in the hands of the rabbinical courts to enforce it. If the husband doesn't give the Get within six months, then the legal adviser of the government can take him to civil court and ask the court to imprison him. Sometimes even if you imprison someone, it doesn't help.

You could give more authority to the rabbinical courts to have more power to enforce their decisions, to put more sanctions on refusing spouses, such as limiting the use of credit cards, chequing accounts, driver's licences. Things that might influence someone and are acceptable according to Halachah.

Prenuptial agreements could solve some of the financial problems between divorcing couples and are definitely acceptable according to Halachah and to Israeli law. If you think of it, the ketubah itself is in a way a prenuptial agreement. Part of it is educating people to sign it. You would find it more common in people getting married for the second time.

We established a coalition of different women's organizations called ICAR to try to deal with this issue of finding and exercising the different solutions that exist.

The News in Brief

Jews named to Order of Canada

OTTAWA — Several prominent Jewish Canadians are among 65 new appointees to the Order of Canada.

They will be formally invested at future ceremonies by Governor-General Ramon Hnatyshyn.

Named as officers, the order's second highest rank, were jazz musician Moe Koffman and Toronto physician and former Ontario MPP Morton Shulman.

Appointed as members of the order were Winnipeg lawyer Harold Buchwald; Quebec-based economist Dian Cohen; Montreal theatre impresario Samuel Gesser; Freda Paltiel of Ottawa for her work in public service; Montreal volunteer Sandra Kolber; former Hampstead, Que. councillor Barbara Seal, a volunteer and Montreal philanthropist Abraham Stern.

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Anti-Semitism here 'limited'

VIENNA — Anti-Semitism remained a problem in Canada last year but it was "limited in scope," according to the World Jewish Congress's *Anti-Semitism World Report — 1993.*

The 200-page report on anti-Semitic incidents in 1992 was presented here during the recent United Nations World Conference on Human Rights.

It is the second time the WJC has compiled a country-by-country description of anti-Jewish activity around the world.

The six-page entry on Canada, compiled by WJC researchers via media reports and interviews with communal leaders, says incidents of vandalism in Canada in 1992 were "particularly vexing for Jews."

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Missing girl murdered

TEL AVIV — A 17-year-old Israeli girl, missing for two weeks in a case that captured national attention here, was raped and murdered by a Bedouin a few miles away from her home in the northern Negev, the police have announced.

The teenager, Hanit Kikos of Ofakim, was hitching a ride to a friend's birthday party in nearby Beersheba when she was accosted by Suleiman Abid, a Bedouin tractor driver from Rahat village.

Police said Abid, who confessed to the crime, raped, killed and then buried Kikos at the Negev's Dudaim garbage dump at Sde Teiman, where he worked.

Officials said the evidence indicated there was no nationalist motivation for the crime. Relations between Bedouins and Jews in the Negev have generally been good.

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Joseph Gruss dies

NEW YORK — Joseph Gruss, a leader in endowing Jewish education in America, died at his home here Sunday of heart failure. He was 91.

Gruss, together with his late wife Caroline, endowed Jewish education programs throughout the United States and supported other Jewish causes as well.

A financier, Gruss used a fortune he amassed from oil and gas and stock market investments to benefit Jewish institutions.

It is estimated that he gave away more than $300 million, endowing 429 yeshivot and other Jewish schools.

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Firm to support anti-boycott

LOS ANGELES — The world's largest international accounting firm has pledged to establish a formal presence in Israel and declared that it fully supports U.S. laws against compliance with the Arab economic boycott of Israel.

Jon Madonna, chairman and chief executive of U.S. operations for KPMG Peat Marwick, wrote in a letter dated June 28 that "KPMG will have a formal, exclusive representation in Israel by the end of 1994.

"KPMG has always been the leader in our profession, and we will demonstrate that leadership again by establishing ourselves in Israel," Madonna wrote.

The faxed letter was sent to Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, who complained earlier this year to Madonna that KPMG's directory of branches in 161 countries omitted the firm's contact in Israel.

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A first for Ukraine

KIEV, Ukraine — The first Jewish university in Ukraine is making ambitious plans to open this September for an entering class of 200 students.

When it opens in September, the university will be housed in the Kiev Polytechnic University.

Since the establishment of independence two years ago, over a dozen Jewish schools have been opened in Ukraine, which has a Jewish population of approximately 500,000. In Kiev alone, there are three day schools and two yeshivas.

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Holiday closings for museum

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum has announced that it will be closed on Yom Kippur, making it the only federal museum in Washington to be closed on any day other than Christmas and New Year's.

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council adopted a resolution explaining that because Christmas Day was special to the non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust and Yom Kippur was important to the Jewish victims, the museum should close on both holidays.

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Samuel Melton dies

NEW YORK — Samuel Melton, a Columbus, Ohio, industrialist who gave millions to Jewish education, died of cancer July 1 at the age of 93.

He turned an education in engineering and business into a genius for manufacturing that enabled him to earn a fortune, which he gave away to Jewish educational endeavors.

On his sickbed two weeks before he died, he gave three cheques for $1 million each to the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Ohio State University, inviting representatives from the three institutions to his bedside.

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Eichmann file released

BUENOS AIRES — Argentine authorities have presented the Jewish community here with its files on Adolf Eichmann, who lived in this country under an alias for a decade before being kidnapped, tried and executed in Israel for his role in masterminding the Nazi genocide.

Ramon Ortega, governor of Argentina's Tucuman province, where Eichmann lived from 1952 to 1960, handed over the 20-page file to a representative of the Delegation of Jewish Associations of Argentina, known as the DAIA, and the World Jewish Congress, in a public and widely publicized ceremony.

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Schwarzenegger wins suit

LOS ANGELES — Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger has won damages in a libel suit against a London tabloid journalist who had accused the star of harboring fervent anti-Semitic and pro-Nazi views.

In Los Angeles on Tuesday, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre confirmed that Schwarzenegger was a longtime supporter and that he and his wife, television reporter Maria Shriver, had contributed $250,000 to the centre's recently opened Beit Hashoah/Museum of Tolerance.

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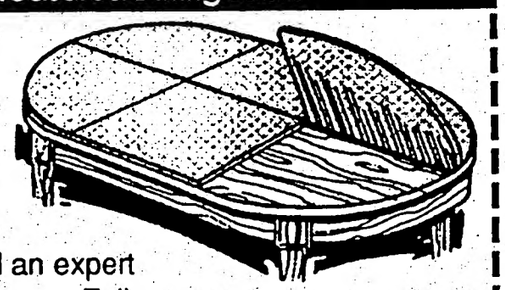

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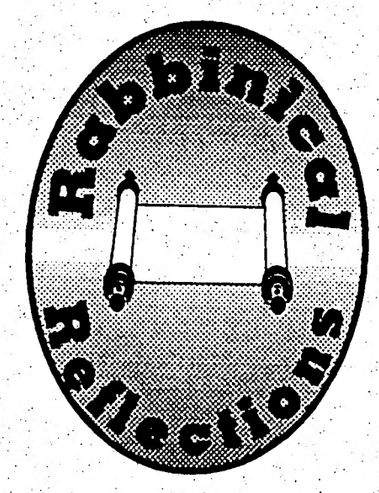

By RABBI LEIGH LERNER

Few books renew themselves in importance each time we read them. Some however, do, like Bialik and Ravnitzky's *Sefer Ha'aggada*, recently published in English as *The Book of Legends*, translated by Rabbi William G. Braude.

Hayim Nahman Bialik is the leading Hebrew poet of the 20th century. Yehoshua Hana Ravnitzky pioneered modern Hebrew journalism. Rabbi Braude, a Hebrew Union College ordinee, served Temple Beth El in Providence, R.I., for decades and translated a number of classical midrashic texts. His master translation now makes available to the English-speaking public an 818-page universe of rabbinic stories, lore, and inspiration. It is a source of Judaica that belongs on every Jew's lap, and deserves to be read by adults and children alike. In the balance of this column, you taste the flavor of *The Book of Legends*.

We open the Torah this week and begin a new book, Devarim, or Deuteronomy. How strange to say we begin a new book, yet how Jewish!

We've been reading Devarim since time immemorial. We know its contents, particularly because it reviews the previous books, beginning with Exodus. Yet it is new to us, for the Torah is compared to water. Isaiah says, "Let all who are thirsty come to the waters." As waters give life to the world, so Torah gives life to the world, and as every thirsty person knows, the waters that quench thirst feel ever new and refreshing, regardless of how many glasses we have drunk before.

Devarim begins with a provocative phrase: "These are the words that Moses spoke on the other side of the Jordan in the wilderness . . ." What kind of words were they? "He rebuked them, Scripture implies, for what they had done in the desert." They used to grab their young, shove them at Moses and ask: what food have you provided for these little ones?

Moses, as leader of Israel, bore the brunt of the criticism and complaints. On their journey to Eretz Yisrael, the people held Moses responsible for provisioning their young, when, in fact, food was available if only they would go and gather it. Some people still do the same, holding Jewish leadership responsible for providing Jewish nourishment for their young when home efforts on their part might yield more long-lasting sustenance.

Yet it is not just the young who deserve the finest Jewish sustenance. Judaism is a religion for adults, for the adult mind. A comment on Devarim 1:7 points to a way in which adults become uplifted by Torah and its teachers.

The Holy One commands Israel to move forward, "as far as the great river, the river Euphrates." Why is it called the great river? Simeon ben Tarfon said it is because the Euphrates is mentioned on the same line with Eretz Yisrael. When you touch a person anointed with oil, you, too, become anointed with oil.

When Jews who are novices at Torah learning connect themselves to those who have respectable knowledge, the novices have the possibility of being touched, uplifted, and made greater by their proximity to the inspiration of Jewish tradition. A proverb says, "attach yourself to the captain and people will bow down to you." So some parts of our community also put strong emphasis on following a leader whose reputation in Torah they honor.

A recent television interview of Afro-American leaders revealed the need for positive role models within the Afro-American community. If they were not available, the leaders looked for role-models from any other community to provide example to their youth on a personal basis. If Judaism is, in fact, a faith for adults, then among us will be found role-models, men and women whose life gives a fine example of living the Torah. As Martin Buber suggested, don't just say Torah, don't just teach Torah, be Torah.

Rabbi Leigh Lerner is the spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom in Montreal.

Israel's newest town composed of immigrants

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO — Hazrot Yassaf is not only Israel's newest town. It's the first one composed entirely of new immigrants.

Established on May 31, 1992, Hazrot Yassaf is three kilometres north of Acre. Eighty percent of its 4,000 residents are Ethiopians. The rest are Russians.

Yehuda Fattal, the mayor, expects the population to rise to about 6,000 with the arrival of yet more olim from Ethiopia. The new arrivals are expected to be Falash Mora, descendants of Jews who converted to Christianity.

Hazrot Yassaf is anything but a normal municipality, and Fattal, an architect and town planner, is the first to admit it.

Originally a caravan site, one of 20 throughout Israel designed to provide emergency housing for olim who've poured out of Ethiopia and the former Soviet Union, Hazrot Yassaf is still very much of an agglomeration of mobile homes.

According to Fattal, Hazrot Yassaf became a full-fledged town, if only in name, for two reasons.

Neighboring municipalities like Acre, Nahariya and Mateh Asher did not want to assume responsibility for a caravan site, though elsewhere in Israel this was not a problem.

Ethiopians who had been living temporarily in nearby hotels, at the expense of the Jewish Agency, grew restive with the arrangement and demanded something more permanent.

At the same time, the Jewish Agency decided it could no longer afford the luxury of housing them in hotels.

Taken together, these factors forced the ministry of interior and the ministry of housing to come up with a novel solution.

Hazrot Yassaf was the answer.

The Ethiopians, who were airlifted to Israel in May 1991 in Operation Solomon, were its original inhabitants. They were followed by the Russians.

Fattal, a 1967 graduate of the Technion, was appointed to run the nascent town, which, he said, was created without the usual physical, social or economic infrastructures.

And, he added, Hazrot Yassaf became a reality despite the government's reluctance to gather so great a percentage of Ethiopians in one locale.

It is, in effect, a ghetto, Fattal acknowledged. "However, Ethiopians feel safe there. They've suffered from cultural shock. They've been pulled from the 14th century to the 20th century."

Partly as a result of their wrenching transition from an underdeveloped African nation like Ethiopia to a modern Western country like Israel, there have been two suicides at Hazrot Yassaf.

Yehuda Fattal

Still other problems bedevil the Ethiopians.

The adults have not learned Hebrew, even after two years, and they are largely illiterate in their native Amharic. Those who work hold menial, dead-end jobs. Furthermore, their concept of time is different, causing misunderstandings.

Fattal, an Iraqi Jew who immigrated to Israel in 1951, said he regrets to say that the adults are a "lost generation."

But their children are fast adapting and are having no problems picking up Hebrew.

In Fattal's estimation, 10 to 15 percent of the Ethiopians carry the AIDS virus. They are being treated, but "everyone is afraid of them." This includes Israelis and Russians.

Initially, there was a lot of tension between the Ethiopians and the Russians, due in part to simple racism. The situation was so bad that some Russians did not want their children to attend the same kindergarten as Ethiopians.

In an effort to defuse the problem, Fattal set up neighborhood committees consisting of Ethiopians and Russians. They've had the desired effect. The gap between the two groups is closing, although the two groups do not, as a rule, mix.

Fattal, who was in Toronto to attend a convention of the International Union of Local Authorities, is optimistic about Hazrot Yassaf's future.

A school for grade 1 and 2 pupils is being built, and it will be finished in September. The school will complement an existing afternoon study and enrichment centre where students can improve their reading and arithmetic.

Eventually, residents will be given the opportunity to buy land and build permanent homes with government funds.

Because of its proximity to the sea, Hazrot Yassaf has the potential to become a resort with a self-sustaining economy. There are plans for hotels, motels and camping grounds, Fattal said.

Based on his track record, he believes he can succeed. Fattal was involved in Operation Renewal, the joint Israel-Diaspora project which renovated down-at-the-heel Israeli neighborhoods. And he played an integral role in liquidating Israel's 1950s and 1960s shantytowns — the *mabarot*.

He hopes that Canadian Jews can "share the responsibility" and burden of developing Hazrot Yassaf. As he put it, "What we're looking for is a partnership."

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JEWS IN A CHANGING WORLD

Israelis in Toronto

The series on Israelis in Toronto in The CJN *prompted a lively reaction and a sample of the letters received is printed below:*

Ignored by Israelis

Re: Israelis in Toronto, *CJN*, June 17.

I am a Canadian-born Jew married to a Canadian-Israeli Jew. I strongly resent the implication of Rachel that Canadian-born Jews are "cold fish" and not as hospitable as their Israeli counterparts.

When my husband and I were newly married, we opened our home to many guests, from Israel and elsewhere, even though we lived in a small apartment. When we moved to Toronto, our house became the "central hostel" for guests from our hometown as well as Israel, etc., to which our wonderfully helpful (Canadian) neighbors could attest. We socialized mostly with Israelis as they are a fun and lively group.

However, as time went by I noticed one common thread that ran through most Israeli social circles — the topic of conversation almost always come around to Israel, its politics, army life, "in" spots or local celebrities: none of which I could relate to in spite of my numerous visits to Israel and fluency in Hebrew. I couldn't often participate in the conversation and felt ignored. It reached the point where I now avoid Israeli gatherings.

Perhaps Rachel and Ms. Ostrow should speak to some Canadians and discover why we avoid some of them before they judge all Canadian-born Jews as cold and unfriendly. Perhaps they might look into their own community and realize that they are often uninviting and inconsiderate. It is just their kind of negative, one-sided judgemental attitude that alienates many Canadian-born Jews from the Canadian-Israelis. What a shame it is because we each can learn much from the other.

Mrs. Alice Fudim
Toronto

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No Kvetching Please

Re: Israelis in Toronto, *CJN*, June 17

As an Israeli expatriate who has been living in Toronto since 1975 and as a local band leader and musician I have had the opportunity and the good fortune to meet many, many people. I suggest to you respectfully that the words "Israeli community" is a misnomer.

What you find in Toronto as well as in many other major centres in North America is a large number of Israelis who came from a diverse background and for a variety of different reasons. The only clear common denominators to all of them are the facts that they speak Hebrew and they all came in search for opportunities which apparently eluded them in Israel. One fact, however, is abundantly clear, Canada, like Israel, is a free country and no-one forces them to stay if they don't like it here.

Frankly, I am offended by Israelis (or anyone else, for that matter) whining and kvetching that the people in Toronto are "cold fish." The truth is, and you don't have to be an investigative journalist to know, that anywhere in the world, including Israel, one can find friendly people, unfriendly people, warm people, cold people and people who simply don't care.

And finally, I would like to correct the assertion of one of the interviewees quoted in the article, Ms. Sharon Bar-David who complains of the lack of Hebrew singing in Toronto. For the last three years, my partner, Mickey Lewin, and I, have been running a series of Hebrew Singalongs which have been drawing nice crowds of singing enthusiasts. We cordially invite her and the rest of your readers to come out and see (sing?) for yourself.

Yitzhak Argaman
Toronto

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Lodge for Israeli women

I have read the first article of the series "Israelis in Toronto" with great interest. Articles such as these are important as they provide the entire Jewish community with a snapshot of issues and concerns for which we all share responsibility.

I am pleased to tell you that B'nai Brith Women of Canada has recognized the need to provide an opportunity for Israelis living in Toronto to become integrated into community life. As a result, Kenneret Chapter of B'nai Brith Women of Canada was formed two years ago. The chapter membership is made up of Israelis who have lived in Toronto for one to 25 years, who are 28 - 60 years of age, who are mothers, daughters, grandmothers who share their Israeli background.

The chapter meetings are conducted in Hebrew and there is a commitment by the chapter to retain their culture. At the same time, the members of the chapter are actively involved in all facets of B'nai Brith Women of Canada activities, from participating in community service projects to fundraising and personal Tzedakah in support of the organization's programs. There is also a Hebrew speaking chapter in Montreal. The chapter is friendly and warm and welcomes all interested women. For information call 630-9313.

Penny Krowitz
Executive Director
B'nai Brith Women of Canada

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Israeli association formed

The Association of Israeli Academicians came to life after a meeting of the graduates of Beth Sefer Reali in Haifa, that took place in a private house in Toronto. During this evening, attended also by Israeli Consul Benjamin Abilea, a graduate of the same school, it became obvious how important it is for Israelis to meet Israelis. A committee was immediately formed for this purpose.

Israelis residing in Toronto retain their Hebrew language at home. They are missing an Israeli environment of native songs, food and meeting friends who share identical feelings. Canadian Jews are well known for their contributions and warm attitude towards Israel, maintaining close contact with the country. Israelis are thankful to the Canadian community and are ready to help when asked.

Our association is made up of engineers, architects, doctors, accountants, professors on sabbatical, post graduate students on grants and teachers. Our get togethers consist of entertainment, meeting Israeli friends, sing-along, folk and ballroom dancing and Israeli food. Some of the topics of our lectures: Jews In Today's Russia, Peace Talks Between Jews and Arabs, The Kibbutz Life of Today, Kabbala.

Compared with Canadian Jews, Israelis have additional problems. Some of their children are not with them, they may be serving in the Army or decided to stay permanently in Israel and raise a family there. Also many have parents in Israel which creates a steady worry for them.

Although they visit Israel very often, they still cannot forget that a part of them is always behind. As one member expressed it: "I can never be totally happy, I worry in Toronto for the part of my family in Israel and when I'm there my thoughts are with those left in Toronto."

Our association is directed by a committee of 15 members, who work voluntarily and carry the load each one according to his ability. We are in the process of creating a Hebrew Theatre.

Our membership is about 150 and the yearly fee is $10 for expenses and some contribution to Israel.

Aviva Domb
Association of Israeli Academicians

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Israelis remain loyal

Ben Rose's articles about Israelis in Toronto aren't complete, in my opinion, because he didn't interview many Israelis.

At the beginning of the Israeli immigration to Canada, they were rejected by the local Jews and often asked what they were looking for abroad if they have their own country, and why don't they continue guarding the Jewish state. (The local Jews don't have this task? Only financial support?)

Now that more Israelis have come, they communicate with one another, their behavior being the same: open to each other, inviting acquaintances they met only two hours ago to their homes, and so on.

Another reason the Israelis don't mingle with the local Jews in religion. The congregation, the synagogue, is the tie that holds local Jews together: on the contrary, Israelis identify themselves by their nationality — Israeli. You don't have to be connected to a special synagogue to show you are a Jew in Israel. It's enough you are living there.

Even when Israelis leave Israel for different reasons — parnassa (livelihood), family and sometimes the strain of so much reserve duty — nevertheless their ties to Israel are much stronger than those of the average Canadian Jew, and they still don't see themselves as leaving Israel for good.

I'm here for a short time. I came here for family reasons and I am still living here for around half the year and the other half in Israel.

Shoshana Kesary
Toronto

Wanted: a vision for an open, dynamic Quebec

By STEVEN CUMMINGS

Jacques Parizeau and his party's policies are not anti-Semitic. The independence movement in Quebec is not anti-Semitic. This is not a Jewish issue.

So why have so many Jews (and other non-francophone Quebecers) left the province, and why are so many others unsure of their future here?

Independence and the continued delegitimatization of the English language will slowly erode the vitality of the Jewish community of Montreal. This is because the process instituted by recent Quebec governments, both liberal and Pequiste, to protect French language and culture and create through law a "French face" in Quebec has served to divide the Quebec community along cultural and linguistic lines, and to institutionally marginalize the language under which the majority of our Jewish community operates. English is not a religion; it is simply the best means of communication with our neighbors and the rest of the world. To deny that is to bury one's head in the sand.

We should look for ways to address the legitimate concerns of francophone Quebecers without stifling the dynamism of an open society. Uncertainty about our political future and the continued language debate narrows and distorts our collective vision.

A strong society is directly linked to a strong economy. Over the last 25 to 30 years, we have seen Montreal decline from the business capital of Canada to a secondary business centre with the highest rate of unemployment of any major North American city. Coincident with this malaise has been the introduction of increasingly coercive language laws and heightened political uncertainty. Can one truly deny the tangible link between these two issues?

Contemporary Quebec nationalism, with its almost ethnocentric focus on French language and culture, is the dominant political expression in Quebec. No provincial leader is offering a pluralistic vision that all Quebecers can easily and enthusiastically buy into.

It is a unique and not disagreeable fact of life that all Quebec governments, both past and present, see themselves as guardians of the "French fact." Yet Quebecers also embrace leaders who are more federalist and see bilingualism as an asset, not a threat. The recent support for Jean Charest is just such an example. His broad and inclusive vision of Quebec and Canada resonated in this province and helped me to conclude that the great majority of Quebecers are looking for a balance between protecting French and the need for an open and prosperous society. I believe Quebecers are more open than their provincial leaders.

That each provincial election is argued on the issue of independence has shifted the political centre of gravity; the debate is between mild and strong nationalism. This while 13 percent of Quebecers are unemployed. The idea that it is federalism that is stifling the Quebec economy, and that independence is the necessary tonic to revitalize it, is both ludicrous and unsupportable.

Notwithstanding our long winters, Montreal has enormous geographical assets. As one of the world's largest inland ports, we are close to the major markets of the northeast. We have an abundant supply of water, cheap energy and natural resources. We are culturally more European than American and as a bilingual city offer a window to Europe and the European Community. Let us not be afraid to exploit this. This asset also gives us a competitive advantage as a tourist destination. Let us not forget that our exclusively French face is not always understood by those who wish to visit or do business here. Why must we handicap ourselves?

I love this city and I am committed to remaining here. I am a proud Montrealer, but I am watching our world-class city become old and tired. There is a compelling need to build upon the common issues that unite us — not those that divide us. We are running out of time. We must tell the emperors they are not wearing any clothes.

These policies have extracted a heavy price. There is enough space here for everyone and we must begin to show a greater understanding of each other's needs. For in very real ways, this is a safe, civilized and harmonious society that works.

Independence would not be racist and anti-Semitic. It would simply be silly and foolish.

Steven Cummings is a Montreal businessman.

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Tisha b'Av

How does the city sit solitary, that was full of people! how is she become like a widow! she that was great among the nations . . .
Megillat Eichah (Lamentations)

Tisha b'Av is the most challenging day of observance in the Jewish calendar for a Jew of the late 20th century to comprehend.

It is a difficult fast, coming as it does at the height of summer, when the days are hot and the evenings late. The restrictions during the nine days from Rosh Chodesh Av (the beginning of the month) to the fast day itself — no meat, no swimming, no simchas — seem particularly onerous during the season of vacations, summer camps and barbeques.

Not only does Tisha b'Av seem out of harmony with the season; it seems out of harmony with our lives as Jews today. Tisha b'Av commemorates defeat and dispersion. Today, we rejoice in the existence of the State of Israel, in the ingathering of our exiles from countries in turmoil, and in our own success and security throughout the most powerful lands of our Diaspora.

It is precisely for those reasons that we should, next Monday night, take to heart the lamentations of the prophet Jeremiah, read in semi-darkness in our synagogues to congregrations in mourning.

Our shared sorrow for the calamities that have befallen us binds us to all those of our people who have suffered and wept — not only by the rivers of Babylon, but on the cliffs of Masada, on the shores of Spain and in the camps and hiding places of Nazi Europe. We must not forget that Tisha b'Av commemorates the fall, not only of Solomon's Temple in 586 B.C.E., but of Herod's, built to restore Jerusalem to its former glory, and destroyed by the Romans in 70 C.E.

No matter how secure, how strong, we feel ourselves to be, Tisha b'Av reminds us of the fragility of Jewish existence.

But Tisha b'Av also reminds us of our ability to overcome calamity. In spite of exile and persecution, we are still here, still able to come together as night falls across the lands of our Diaspora, to mourn, in the words of an eyewitness, a tragedy that occured two and a half millenia ago.

Our religious calendar has many celebrations. We celebrate our relationship to God and our Torah, our deliverance from slavery, from anti-Semitic hatred and from assimilation.

Tisha b'Av is different. Each year, it plunges us into the depths of remembered grief so that we may also remember that we have always found the strength to rise from our mourning and proclaim:

We are still here, and we are still Jews.

Judaica reigns

New York City's Jewish museum, the most complete and illustrious repository of art objects with a Jewish theme outside of Israel, has reopened its doors on Manhattan's upper Fifth Avenue after a renovation hiatus of many months.

The reopening into an expanded display area of some 82,000 square feet, reports *New York Times'* Michael Kimmelman, will permit The Jewish Museum to feature for the first time "a broad selection from its collection of 27,000 objects."

Ironically enough, the newly renovated and expanded museum facility dovetails with a general renewed interest in what has been referred to as parochial art. In the past The Jewish Museum has, on occasion, tried to distance itself from any esthetic expression which had a specifically Jewish label, preferring to think of itself as Jewish only in the promotion of universal art themes.

In fact, Kimmelman indicates that a previous director of the museum resigned several years ago because he objected to the "increasing emphasis on Judaica at the expense of contemporary art." Now however, critics are coming to realize that all great artistic works of enduring value are all parochial in that they express the milieu that the artist knows and loves best.

This perception allied with the emphasis on multiculturalism, bilingualism and ethnicity in society, will permit The Jewish Museum, in its new incarnation, to continue its policy of featuring exhibits which are either directly or tangentially linked to the Jewish past or to the experience of Jews in North America.

It has done so with great adroitness in recent exhibitions of relationships between Jews and blacks in American society, Jews and Muslims in medieval Spain and the life of Jews in Italy from the Roman Empire to the present. The current exhibition of artists dealing with diverse aspects of Jewish identity is another example of the unselfconscious approach to Jews and Jewishness which the museum is initiating.

The Jewish Museum, it is hoped, will be both a mirror of the Jewish creative spirit and a bridge on which non-Jews can travel to understand better the multiple configurations of Jewish society past and present.

14TH MACCABIAH

Last week saw the ceremonial opening of the 14th Maccabiah, where 5,300 athletes from 57 countries are participating in the games. Israel has the largest contingent of 800 athletes. More than 44,000 people in the Ramat Gan National Stadium saw President Weizman open the 10 day event. [IPPA photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

LAUDS PARIZEAU INTERVIEW

I am moved to make a few comments regarding your comprehensive and enlightening interview with Jacques Parizeau, the leader of the Parti Quebecois and of the Official Opposition in the Quebec National Assembly (*CJN*, June 24). His view that "Jews have always fitted into the cultural life of Quebec in an exemplary manner" is certainly welcome. And his criticism of Quebec Jewish leaders for calling on the Jewish community to "vote for the Yes side or vote for the No side in a referendum" should be taken seriously.

When Canadian Jewish Congress came out officially for the "Yes" side in the 1992 Referendum it seemed to me that this went counter to the long-standing Congress policy of urging Jews to vote but refraining from telling them how to vote in any Canadian election. It should also be recalled that at least one major Congress affiliate, the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, refused to go along with the national leadership on its referendum policy.

In another part of the interview, Parizeau recalled that Ezekiel Hart was elected to the Quebec Assembly in 1807 by a Trois Rivieres population "almost exclusively francophone" and was ousted by the "British political system." He was then re-elected by the francophones. This story was indeed "not invented from whole cloth," but there's a hole in the cloth, i.e., it's not the whole story.

In Trois Rivieres the francophone voters preferred Hart to an English candidate. But in the Assembly the francophone members saw Hart as an ally of the English and so they voted to expel him. After Hart was re-elected, in 1809, even Louis-Joseph Papineau voted for his renewed expulsion and *Le Canadien*, the French newspaper, criticized the voters of Trois Rivieres for electing him.

Of course by the 1830s, the emerging Patriotes, led by Papineau, had become more enlightened and the Assembly quickly approved bills granting civil and political equality to the Jews. In 1833, Samuel Becancour Hart, Ezekiel's son, became the first Jew to take public office as a justice of the peace, courtesy of a francophone oath commissioner, Joseph Badeaux, who granted his right to take the oath of office without using the words "on the true faith of a Christian." In Montreal, the English-language commissioners would not grant Jews this right.

In another part of the interview Parizeau complains about being reminded of Canon Groulx's "nefarious role," because after all he doesn't always bring up Mordecai Richler. What Richler — and Esther Delisle — are saying is that Groulx was a racist. Of course times have changed and we do live in a democratic and free society. People may be free to read, or not read, praise or criticize, Richler or Groulx — or Delisle. But our democratic society leaders should not hail an anti-Semite as a hero, nor should they condemn the one who exposes the racist for what he is.

Abraham Arnold
Winnipeg

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COUPLES WHO INTERMARRY

I found Rabbi Mark Dratch's attitude (June 24) to *The CJN's* feature on intermarriage to be unfortunate. He complained that as a voice for the Jewish community *CJN* should not be reporting on the fact that many intermarriages between Jews and non-Jews are quite successful. Even though he knows that the participants might continue to love each other over the decades and the resulting children might grow up to be contributing moral citizens who make both sets of grandparents proud, he states that there are truths that *The CJN* must not report.

Would Rabbi Dratch prefer that families sit shiva when a child chooses a mate outside of the faith community? Does he prefer rending families in the name of "survival of Judaism?" From his comments, this seems to be the case.

I may not be a scholar of the Torah but for me one of the main pillars of Judaism is the sacredness of the family. I object to him, as a spiritual leader, counselling parents to reject their children based on their life choices. If Judaism, which has survived the most intense and efficient acts of hate, cannot survive acts of love then it is time to question the tenets of the faith. Perhaps this is why, while some of us identify ourselves proudly as ethnic Jews, we reject the religion.

Errol Young
Trustee, North York

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THE SHOWBOAT ISSUE

I recently became involved in the controversy surrounding the upcoming production of *ShowBoat* at the North York Performing Arts Centre.

At a meeting of our local Jewish community group I had the opportunity to hear firsthand from members of the African Canadian community about their objection to this production. I was moved by their eloquent outpouring of pain and anguish over this issue. As a Jew I could only identify with the feelings of isolation, injustice and impotence felt when dealing with institutionalized racism. It is not for others to offer intellectual nitpicking arguments about the theatrical attributes of this production; the issue is that many people are deeply offended by its contents and historical inaccuracy.

The 'real issue' here is not one of censorship, as some have suggested, it is one of selection, and selection with sensitivity. There are thousands of excellent plays and musicals to choose from and the arts community should be sensitized to the importance of this selection process. One could debate the censorship issue for hours. One cannot hope to appease all groups or avoid controversy at all times, but the reality is that some works, such as this one are so deeply offensive that in the present climate of racial inequality they should simply be bypassed and laid to rest.

It appears some racist and ignorant remarks by Stephnie Payne (and she has since apologized) and others have revealed an underlying festering discomfort between the African Canadian and Jewish communities in Toronto. Jews are justifiably outraged at being singled out. And yet, what have we as a community done to support the African Canadian community in their anguish over this production. Our own outpouring of rage has deflected attention from what should be a common fight against institutionalized racism.

So get out there and protest against this hurtful production. Join the picket lines, boycott the play, write letters to the newspapers, exert pressure wherever you can and demonstrate our commitment as a community to fight racism wherever it rears its ugly head.

Gary Lewis
Toronto

Opinion

Teddy a key part of Jerusalem's landscape

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Teddy.

The moment a Jew who is halfway literate in matters concerning Israel hears the word "Teddy" the association is with "Kollek," Jerusalem's mayor since 1965.

But when an American hears the word he thinks of the Roosevelt who was president in the early part of the century and famous for his bravado and the motto, "Speak softly and carry a big stick," spoken at the Minnesota State Fair in 1901.

There was much speculation in Israel whether 82-year-old Teddy Kollek would again stand for the mayoralty, but happily he has indicated that he will again try to conciliate the apparently irreconcilable differences between the city's inhabitants.

Kollek was born in Vienna and after making aliyah, became one of the founders of Kibbutz Ein Gev. His political career saw him as an advisor to the Washington embassy and the director-generalship of David Ben Gurion, an office which he held from 1952-1964. There is a general feeling both in Israel and abroad that without Kollek, Jerusalem's political landscape and its Arab-Israeli tensions will explode, and therefore pressure on the mayor will be strong to stand once again for the office.

Rabbi Plaut

But of course there is another Teddy, and this one is better known than either Kollek or Roosevelt: that quasi-animate creature known as the teddy bear.

It so happens that a few weeks ago in a little town in southwestern Germany, a bronze statue of a teddy bear was unveiled in front of the factory where this cuddly little item was first manufactured. Then owner Richard Steiff fashioned the toy and presented it for the first time at the Leipzig Fair in 1903. There was little interest in it until the last day of the fair, when an American visitor discovered it and ordered 3,000 bears. Its popularity spread quickly and by 1907 Steiff had sold nearly a million. According to legend the bear was named by U.S. buyers after Roosevelt, a renowned bear hunter, and Roosevelt's great-grandson Tweed attended the anniversary ceremony.

Whether or not this important piece of information will help Teddy Kollek in his campaign remains to be seen.

Righteous gentile, righteous Jew.

In the May edition of *Nikkei Voice*, which is the national forum for Japanese Canadians, I found an article devoted to the relationship between righteous Jews and righteous gentiles.

During the years of the Holocaust, Japanese consul Senpo Sugihara issued more than 6,000 visas for Jews who could find no resting place when fleeing from the Nazis. In recognition of this remarkable man Canadian Jewish Congress and the National Association of Japanese Canadians will jointly sponsor a Senpo Sugihara tribute dinner on Nov. 7.

The *Nekkei Voice* has this comment: "We are reminded that there were many, many apprehensive nekkei (Japanese) men and women moving east to Winnipeg, to Toronto, to Montreal, who found their first jobs and helping hands came from Jews. If there are Righteous Gentiles, such as Senpo Sugihara, there are Righteous Jews in our own understandings, in our own experience, in our own history."

The article concludes with the followinng paragraph:

"And now as a recent survey discloses one in five Americans does not know about the Holocaust, and news items that the nay-sayers of the Holocaust are increasing, we are reminded too that lessons from history must be taught over and over again. It is significant and auspicious that the Canadian Jewish Congress should reach out now to the National Association of Japanese Canadians to jointly honor the Righteous Gentile Senpo Sugihara."

AIPAC reeling from embarrassing incidents

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the powerful pro-Israel lobbying group, is reeling after a series of embarrassing incidents.

The latest blow fell on July 1, when AIPAC's vice-president, Harvey Friedman, was forced to resign after calling Israel's Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin "a little slime-ball."

Friedman's ignominious fall came on the heels of Thomas Dine's abrupt resignation. AIPAC's longtime executive director, Dine stepped down after confirming that he had described Orthodox Jews in the United States as "smelly" and "low class."

These affairs, part of a pattern of self-inflicted damage, has scarred the imperturbable facade of AIPAC, the premiere pro-Israel organization in the United States.

David Steiner, AIPAC's president until 1992, was the first to tarnish its reputation. In November of that year, he resigned in disgrace following an arrogant boast that AIPAC had "a dozen people" in presidential candidate Bill Clinton's campaign headquarters, and that AIPAC was "negotiating" with Clinton over who would fill the role of secretary of state.

Steiner made these statements in a supposedly private conversation with a New York City businessman, Harry Katz, who had phoned to seek advice about a $100,000 contribution he wanted to channel to pro-Israel congressional candidates backed by AIPAC.

Katz, who taped the conversation without Steiner's knowledge, was so offended by the boastful tone that he released a transcript to the *Washington Times*.

The Steiner affair, which some pundits believe is symptomatic of AIPAC's arrogance of power, was preceded by an unprecedented tongue-lashing administered by the new Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin.

Rabin, who was Israel's ambassador to the United States in the wake of the 1967 Six Day War, took AIPAC to task for its confrontational style.

Shortly after the June 1992 election, in which the Labor party defeated the Likud, Rabin sharply criticized AIPAC for its tactics in the bruising battle to secure $10 billion worth of U.S. loan guarantees for Israel.

AIPAC had reportedly advised Rabin's predecessor, Yitzhak Shamir, to confront the Bush administration head-on, even after the U.S. president pointedly warned that he would not approve a bill authorizing the funds until Israel ceased building and expanding settlements in the territories.

AIPAC apparently believed, mistakenly, that there was sufficient support in Congress for the measure to be adoped, despite Bush's veto.

In Rabin's estimation, AIPAC egregiously misjudged the situation and thus pushed Israel into a nasty and unnecessary fight with its chief ally. Drawing conclusions from this episode, Rabin made it clear that, in the future, he wanted AIPAC to follow the lead of the Israeli government and focus its concentration on Congress and leave the White House to Israeli diplomats.

In retrospect, the fate which befell Steiner and Dine was indicative of the hubris that had befallen AIPAC in recent years.

Formed in the 1950s to foster American support for Israel, AIPAC grew into one of the strongest and most feared lobbying groups on Capitol Hill. Despite two major setbacks in the late 1970s and early 1980s (it failed to stop the sale of F-15 jets and reconnaissance planes to Saudi Arabia), AIPAC was, nevertheless, a force to be reckoned with in Washington.

It helped Israel obtain high levels of U.S. economic and military aid; it worked to cement Israel's strategic alliance with the United States; it was instrumental in ousting an influential opponent, Charles Percy of Illinois, from his Senate seat.

However, AIPAC's victories bred an overweening self-confidence — which not only accounted for Steiner's ill-considered remarks but led Dine into a minefield that he, as a well-regarded professional lobbyist, should have avoided at all costs.

Dine's negative characterization of American Orthodox Jewry was contained in David Landau's recently-published book, *Piety and Power: The World of Jewish Fundamentalism*. Dine apologized and insisted that he was merely outlining the views of some of his constituents, but it was too late. He was asked to leave.

The flap around Friedman was doubtless caused by his inability, and perhaps that of other senior AIPAC officials, to adjust to the existence of a Labor party government in Jerusalem.

For years, critics had charged AIPAC with tilting toward Likud in terms of ideology, while trying to squelch liberal dissent over Israel's policies vis-a-vis the status of the territories and the Palestinians living there under Israel's occupation. In its defence, AIPAC claimed it was supporting the status quo — the government of the day.

But the controversy surrounding Friedman's resignation proved that this claim could not stand up to scrutiny.

Three weeks before he was given the boot, Friedman was censured by AIPAC's board for lambasting Rabin's policy of trading land in exchange for a peace treaty with Syria.

The reprimand may well have come at the initiative of Steiner's successor, Steve Grossman, who accepts the need for territorial compromise.

This incident was blown out of all proportion when Friedman cast aspersions on Beilin after the latter reportedly said that Israel was prepared to withdraw to its pre-1967 boundaries, with the exception of Jerusalem, in return for a durable peace agreement.

Interestingly enough, Beilin ascribed Friedman's downfall to "the transformation of AIPAC in recent years into a right-wing Jewish organization."

It's clear that AIPAC, which has yet to pick Dine's or Friedman's successors, is passing through a wrenching period of readjustment.

In essence, AIPAC must adjust to the fact that a new Israeli government, with different perceptions and priorities, has taken charge.

Yet the problems which have rocked AIPAC — whose membership and budget soared under Dine's tutelage — have not really affected Israel's pivotal relationship with the United States.

It remains rock solid, and especially so under Yitzhak Rabin and Bill Clinton.

Last month, the House of Representatives passed a $3 billion aid package for Israel — notwithstanding earlier fears that massive U.S. assistance to Russia would have a detrimental effect on the flow of assistance to the Jewish state.

Reunion provides time to reflect on past, future

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

The men of the Class of 1968 came from everywhere: Damascus, Kathmandu, San Francisco, Miami, Boston, Toronto, to a small campus in the mountains of New Hampshire. They came from the prosperous suburbs of Newton, Massachusetts, and Stamford, Connecticut, from the rural communities of Cape Cod and the hills of West Virginia.

More than 200 of them gathered to celebrate their 25th reunion, to be together with those who knew them then, to show their children their Alma Mater, to touch base with their base, to dance and picnic, walk and talk, party and play and ponder.

The men had changed. The young, beer-drinking, hard-studying, hard-playing rascals had become husbands and fathers. Some still did things the hard way, some still had a beer or two, but there was a softness in both manner and mien that had not existed 25 years before. They had aged, albeit gracefully, and seemed to be handling their mid-forties with aplomb, at least until one of the accomplished singers at a reunion weekend concert greeted them with the message, "I'm glad to perform for you tonight. I was born the year you graduated."

One of my husband's fraternity brothers looked at the singer and shook his head. "Nope," he said, "nobody matures that fast."

Erica Meyer Rauzin

But, alas, it was true. We discovered that we seemed as old to the kids on campus as the Class of 1943 seemed to us, that we were our parents, only in 100 percent cotton T-shirts and a better grade of sneakers.

And if our husbands had changed, so has their old school. First of all, in their heyday, it was an all-male deal. Now, about 45 percent of the students are women. When they attended, it was a pretty homogenous place with a few Jewish students, a few mega-high achievers of various ethnic and racial backgrounds. But now, it is a regular patch-work quilt, sons and daughters of every nationality, race, creed and song.

We tried to help our daughters, ages six and ten, understand their father's college experience. We walked them around campus, took them canoeing on the river, showed them his former dorm and introduced them to his former roommates. They didn't get it. They thought it was a beautiful place, but they were much more interested in the other kids their age and in the logistics of dormitory living. Our six-year-old looked at the vintage dormitory room assigned to our family: two sleeping alcoves, two closets, two desks, a tiny fireplace, a miniscule half-bath (showers down the hall) and a cracked linoleum floor, and asked, "Why did we leave our good house to come here?" But she got into the junior program so joyfully that by the second day, when we invited her to come with us for an afternon of recreation on campus, she turned us down flat. "I'm going back to the kids' tent where I belong," she said. "You guys go to school."

Ours was not the only six-year-old in the junior program tent. We discovered that the Class of '68 is at a different stage in their lives than past 25th reunion groups. With former quarter-century reunion groups, getting their teenage children into the college (and then paying the tuition) was the major issue (as it will be to this group later). This weekend, the reunion's activity program for grade school children was much more of an immediate bonus. Although these men had gray in their beards, they had toddlers and first-graders in their arms. Their adult lives started late, shaped by forces such as the Vietnam War and the U.S. draft lottery, that are ancient history to today's career-driven college grads. These alumni will be in their 50s when their kids are teenagers, so they better not have aged much so far; they're going to need to be young a long time.

These men had followed hundreds of different roads out into the world from this sheltered campus but this weekend all the roads converged at a 25-year mile marker. Nobody wasted the opportunity being superficial. "How ya doing" became a question that meant more than "Where do you live" and "What work do you do?" It became a touchstone: how do you live, is your life good, did your decisions work out? Most people took the time to give real answers, answers they had to think about first, although there was the guy whose answer to the question, "Where are you now?" was, "Here."

We left happy and relaxed. The reunion was a great party as well as an opportunity to be with old friends and think about the past and the future. We hope we'll all be back together at the 30th reunion, but between now and then, a bunch of us have plotted to go on an adventure with a fellow alumnus who guides treks in Kathmandu.

So, have we gotten old? Nah. See you in Nepal.

Features

Ethiopians face great difficulties

Reporting from Acre, Jerusalem and Beersheba, Sheldon Kirshner takes a look at Ethiopian Jews in Israel today.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Minuave Getu, his wife and ten children live in a bleak caravan site in Acre, north of Haifa. Until two years ago, he was a comparatively well-off construction worker in Ethiopia's Gondar province, where he and his family were the proud proprietors of "a nice, big house."

In Israel, the 49-year-old Ethiopian Jew is unemployed, and makes do with a tiny mobile home equipped with a mini kitchen, hole-in-the-wall bathroom, blink-of-the-eye living room and cramped bedroom.

Unable to find steady work, Getu is supported by the Israeli government, which has repatriated upwards of 45,000 black-skinned Jews from Ethiopia since the 1970s. Five thousand Ethiopians are native-born Israelis.

In common with virtually all his middle-aged Ethiopian compatriots, Getu is barely literate in Hebrew and unaccustomed to Israel's fast-moving, ever-changing Western society. It is therefore unlikely that he will ever find more than a menial, poorly-paid job.

"I live on hope," he said plaintively one recent sunny afternoon.

Uprooted from their remote communities in the heart of Africa, Ethiopian Jews face enormous difficulties and challenges in their adopted homeland.

"They don't relate to Western culture the way we do," said Sigal Zaft, a 20-year-old Israeli army soldier who teaches the Ethiopians Hebrew.

"For the older generation, there will not be integration into Israeli society," observed her colleague, Ricki Blankofsky. "Their culture is different. They are Africans. The younger generation will fit in."

Blankofsky, no doubt, was thinking of her companion, Shoshi Samu, who's 24. Samu, who performs the functions of a social worker here, arrived in Israel 13 years ago, one of the first Ethiopians to settle in the Jewish state.

"I felt like a total stranger at first," she said in fluent, idiomatic Hebrew. "Now I feel like an Israeli."

Such is her family's successful absorption into Israel's mainstream that her brother is engaged to be married to the daughter of a long-established Ashkenzi Jewish family.

Descendants of ancient Israelites, the Ethiopians were recognized as Jews by the Israeli rabbinate in the early 1970s, just as the first Ethiopian Jews trickled into Israel. Organized immigration began in August 1977 with the arrival of a group of 62 Ethiopians. Between 1979 and 1984, they were joined by an additional 7,088 Ethiopians.

Israel airlifted most of the rest of the Ethiopians in several waves.

Operation Moses, which unfolded in late 1984 and early 1985, netted 6,329 Ethiopians. From the mid to the late 1980s, something like 9,000 were brought to Israel. With Operation Solomon in May 1991, Israel's Ethiopian colony was increased by more than 13,000. Since then, Israel has won the release of nearly 5,000 Ethiopians.

Micha Feldman, the head of the Ethiopian desk in the Jewish Agency, believes about 300 Jews remain in Ethiopia. In his estimate, they are coming to Israel at the rate of 70 to 80 per month.

Members of the Falash Mora community — Ethiopians whose ancestors converted to Christianity — are also expected to end up in Israel. There is speculation as to their numbers. Estimates run from 30,000 to several hundred thousand. "The real number is about 50,000," said Feldman, who served as Israel's consul in Addis Ababa during Operation Solomon. "Eventually, they will probably come to Israel."

In June, Israeli interior ministry officials went to Ethiopia to process the first of 200 Falash Moras wishing to leave. Under recent guidelines, Falash Moras are eligible to immigrate if they have a first-degree relative in Israel, and if their "return" to Judaism is sanctioned by a rabbinical court.

Feldman, who's considered one of Israel's leading authorities on Ethiopian Jews, does not minimize their problems.

"Most Ethiopians are illiterate," he said in an interview conducted in his spare Jerusalem office. "The parents and most of their children are not familiar with that institution called school."

Generational gap one of the problems dogging Ethiopian Jews as they try to adapt to life in Israel

Back in Ethiopia, 95 percent of Jews were tenant farmers, blacksmiths and artisans. In the main, the others were civil servants, teachers and soldiers. "It's rare to find an Ethiopian with a higher education," Feldman noted. "We haven't yet succeeded in narrowing the education gap between Ethiopian and Israel children."

There are only two Ethiopian doctors practising medicine in Israel today, and one is a Falash Mora, Feldman noted. As far as he knows, about 350 Ethiopians are enrolled at Israeli technical and nursing schools as well as universities.

Many Ethiopians, at least half, are jobless. The majority of employed Ethiopians are manual workers in factories and in the building trade.

Because farming was imposed on them in Ethiopia, they have not returned to the land in Israel. They have not been drawn to kibbutzim and moshavim, largely because they reject a collective lifestyle and prefer to live with members of their particular *hamula* (clan).

Housing also poses a problem. According to Feldman, 13,000 Ethiopians still live in mobile homes, which can be quite uncomfortable. Recently, Ethiopians staged a peaceful demonstration in Jerusalem to protest conditions. Feldman said the caravan sites are being phased out. The last site is planned to be dismantled within three years.

He estimates that 45 percent of the Ethiopians have homes of their own. In March, Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban announced that the government would implement a plan to move them into permanent housing in the centre of the country at a fraction of the real cost of apartments there.

Ethiopians are disgruntled with the attitude of the rabbinate toward their religious leaders (kessim), who are not recognized as rabbis. At present, there is only one fully-recognized Ethiopian rabbi in Israel.

In Ethiopia, kessim presided over marriages and divorces, circumcisions and funerals. They want the same rights in Israel. But the rabbinate refuses to accede to their demand until they study relevant Jewish law and pass a test.

Ethiopian Jewish tradition stops at the Torah. The Talmud and other commentaries that form the basis of Jewish law today are simply alien to Ethiopians.

Doubts have not been raised about the Jewishness of Ethiopians. Nevertheless, the rabbinate has challenged their circumsicion rites. And when Ethiopians wed, they must undergo a symbolic conversion to Judaism, unless they appear before the sole rabbi in Israel authorized to dispense with this ritual.

Hebrew is a problem for most adult Ethiopians, who, Feldman said, have yet to learn it on even a conversational level. Feldman is pessimistic that Ethiopians who arrived in Israel over the age of 30 will ever master Hebrew.

"Data shows they may become an underclass," he said darkly.

Ethiopian children, however, pick up Hebrew quickly and adapt.

Generally, Ethiopian adults speak, but do not read and write, Amharic, their mother tongue. Feldman said there is a plan to teach them these skills so as to erase the stigma of their illiteracy and boost their self-esteem.

The problems they face in Israel seem so unsurmountable that some Ethiopians have committed suicide. Since 1980, some 80 Ethiopians have taken their lives.

According to Feldman, upwards of 300 Ethiopians are afflicted with AIDS and the HIV virus — "a much higher percentage than the native Israeli population, but far lower than in Ethiopia." He fears that the arrival of Falsh Mora may double the incidence of AIDS in Israel.

The Israeli government is doing its best to contain AIDS. Carriers are given intensive instructions in safe sex.

As a rule, Ethiopians have been warmly welcomed and accepted by their fellow Israelis. "The attitude has been positive," Feldman said. Yet Ethiopians and Soviet immigrants have not gotten along famously. "The Russians consider them unclean, uneducated and uncultured. Here, all of a sudden, they see black Jews."

Slava Strugitch, a Russian Jew who works in Acre's caravan site, acknowledged the problem. "Soviet Jews don't regard Ethiopians as Jews, and color is one reason. They think that Ethiopians are inferior, culturally and educationally."

Amnon Safai, the Ministry of Absorption representative in Acre, said that Soviet Jews are afraid of Ethiopians because they believe they are conveyors of diseases. In his opinion, Sephardi Jews, more so than Ashkenazi Jews, tend to accept Ethiopians.

Roland Lahav, director of a caravan site in Beersheba, cited the generational gap as one of the most severe issues facing the Ethiopian community.

"Ethiopian children have no trouble integrating. They are Israel's future. But the absorption of their parents will take longer."

Enatmar Hillel-Salam, an Ethiopian graduate of Tel Aviv University, has studied the issue. "The children learn Hebrew and assimilate Israeli customs much more quickly than their parents. This upsets the authority and self-confidence of the older generation, which is used to giving orders and having them followed."

Often, too, Ethiopians are misunderstood by Israelis. As Hillel-Salam put it: "There are differences in mentality and culture. Among the Ethiopians, values such as self-restraint, tolerance, gentleness and obedience are very important. Ethiopians do not express negative comments or criticisms. These are considered to be expressions of weakness or failure.

"People ask sometimes — how come the Ethiopians are so quiet, why don't they shout? How come they aren't direct and straightforward like the Israelis? When Israelis first meet, they know everything about each other in the first five minutes — what they do, how much they make, their whole family history.

"This doesn't happen among Ethiopians. There is a whole long process of gaining the confidence of the other person before such things are discussed. These differences in mentality can cause misunderstandings and even conflicts."

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Minuave Getu with his wife and youngest child. The soldier is Sigal Zaft. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Mideast Analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Next to Eli Cohen, Wolfgang Lotz was probably Israel's best known spy. Cohen plied his trade in Damascus; while Lotz worked undercover in Cairo.

Lotz, whose Hebrew name was Ze'ev Gur-Arye, died recently after a long illness in Munich at the age of 72. He had been living in Germany since the 1970s.

Born in Mannheim, Germany, he was the son of a non-Jewish theatre director and a Jewish actress. His parents raised him as a German, even neglecting to have him circumcised. Ten years after his birth, they divorced. In 1933, alarmed by the Nazis' accession to power, Helene Lotz and her son immigrated to Palestine.

Wolfgang Lotz attended an agricultural school, where he became an expert horseman. He joined the Haganah, the chief fighting force of the Yishuv, and during World War II, he served in the British army in Egypt. He fought in the War of Independence, and during the Sinai War, he commanded an infantry brigade.

Not long afterward, the Mossad recruited him. He was selected because of his fluent German, his blond, blue-eyed looks, his war record and his uncircumcised state. His mission was to collect data about the flow of Soviet weaponry to Egypt — Israel's most formidable foe — and about the presence of German scientists, some of them former Nazis, in Egypt.

Lotz travelled to Germany to prepare his cover as that of a German who had been a horse breeder in Australia. After a year in Germany, during which he acquired the necessary papers as a German national, Lotz made his way to Egypt. He arrived in January 1961, on the eve of Eli Cohen's departure to Syria.

Thanks to his extroverted personality, a trait that had impressed the Mossad, Lotz had no trouble making influential friends in Cairo. The first person he met at the Cavalry Club — a haunt favored by Egyptian army officers — was Youssef Ali Gahourab. He, in turn, introduced Lotz to members of the Egyptian elite.

Wolfgang Lotz was an Israeli spy

After a debriefing session in Europe, Lotz returned to Egypt via Germany. On a train, he met, and fell in love with his wife-to-be, Waltraud Martha Neumann, a German who lived in the United States. Against their better judgment, Lotz convinced his superiors that Neumann could be an asset in Cairo. He and Neumann would work together as a team.

By day, Lotz ran a riding school. At night, he and his spouse led an active social life. Dennis Eisenberg, Uri Dan and Eli Landau, the authors of a book (*The Mossad*, published in 1978) on Israeli espionage, claim that the majority of his acquaintances apart from Egyptian military figures were ex-Nazis. They were drawn to Lotz partly because of his fabricated reputation as a rabid anti-Semite.

Lotz's performance in Cairo was superb, notwithstanding his reputation as an extravagent spender. He conveyed valuable information and photographs on two key topics — the battle readiness of the Egyptian armed forces and the activities of German rocket and missile scientists. (Several of them left Egypt after receiving Mossad letter bombs.)

After his capture, Lotz claimed he was a German in the employ of Israel. In August 1965, three months after Cohen's execution, Lotz was sentenced to life imprisonment with forced labor. Neumann received three years, and was fined.

In February of 1968, in exchange for nine Egyptian generals and scores of senior officers who had been taken prisoner in the Six Day War, Lotz and Neumann were released. They boarded a Lufthansa plane bound for Munich. During a stop in Athens, they were removed from the aircraft and put on a flight to London. From there, they were flown to Tel Aviv.

Lotz started a modest riding school, and Neumann learned Hebrew. She suddenly became ill and died, and his business failed. He went to Los Angeles, then to Seattle, to make money. He was not successful. In 1978, Lotz returned to Germany, where he found a job in a Munich department store.

His remains were returned to Israel, where he was given a military funeral.

New employment equity law may exempt Jewish agencies

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — In all likelihood, Ontario's ambitious employment equity law will have little, if any, impact on Jewish organizations and agencies.

Bill 79, which received second reading in the Legislature last month and is expected to become law in January, will require Ontario's 17,000 employers to set up anti-discrimination programs within three years.

Businesses will have to conduct detailed surveys of their employees and devise specific plans to hire and promote traditional victims of discrimination, citizenship minister Elaine Ziemba announced.

The NDP has released a blueprint of the plan outlining what employers will have to do to fight job discrimination against women, racial minorities, the disabled and aboriginal Canadians.

The law will apply to all public sector employers of 10 or more and private companies with 50 or more employees.

Public sector employers with 50 or more workers and private firms with more than 100 employees will have to set specific numerical goals for the hiring and promotion of the four targeted groups, based on several criteria.

There has been some concern in the Jewish community that the plan could, at least in theory, dilute the Jewishness of some organizations by forcing them to hire non-Jews.

But Jewish communal agencies with 50 or more employees will likely be able to invoke a section of the law stating they can give preference in hiring if it is permitted under the Ontario Human Rights Code's special employment clause.

That clause says the right to equal treatment in the workplace is not infringed where "a religious, philanthropic, educational, fraternal or social institution that is primarily engaged in serving the interests of persons idenified by their race, ancestry, place of origin, color, ethnic origin, creed ... employs only or gives preference in employment to, persons similarly identified if the qualification is ... reasonable because of the nature of the employment."

According to Katherine Hewson, the citizenship ministry's manager of employment equity, that definition "seems to fit" organizations such as the Jewish Community Centre, Jewish Family & Child Service, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and other large Jewish groups.

Hewson told *The CJN* it is still too early to tell, but Jewish, as well as other religious-based or multicultural organizations, probably won't be affected much by the law because of the nature of their operations.

The law will not have a great impact on Jewish agencies which say they must have Jewish employees to effectively carry out their mandate, she explained.

But she cautioned that the exemption "is not a blanket one" and that being excused from the requirements will be reviewed on a "case by case" basis. Some organizations which may view themselves as exempt from the law may still be required to hire and promote more women and disabled, she pointed out.

In the Jewish community's case, Hewson said, that too shouldn't pose a large problem because organizations can follow the law and still retain their Jewishness by hiring more Jewish woman and Jewish handicapped.

Hewson said public hearings into the bill will be held in the autumn, before third and final reading.

Gordon Wolfe, executive director of Jewish Family & Child Service, agreed the law "will not have a big impact on us.

"They [the government] have indicated that our staff should reflect the clientele we serve."

Paul Brownstein, director of the Jewish Community Centre (JCC), said the plan "won't be too ominous for us. There's no expectation that we'll have to change our mandate or mission."

Brownstein said that among the JCC's 150 fulltime employees are several Reena Foundation clients, who are developmentally disabled, as well as some members of racial minorities.

Helen Finder-Guttman, a consultant in pay and employment equity, said it remains to be seen whether Jews will fall under the category of racial minority, as described in the bill.

If employers simply hire more Jews, "there will be nothing to prevent us from saying we complied" with the law, she said. "The federal government talks about visible minorities and Ontario talks about racial minorities. There's a perception that Jews are not a racial minority."

Ottawa teen gets taste of politics at Tory leadership convention

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA — The day after the Tories elected Kim Campbell as party leader, delegate Tamara Winn slept the day away and then got up to study. The youngest Tory delegate at the convention, 15-year-old Winn had a high school French exam to write the next day.

The Jewish Grade 9 student has been a card carrying Tory since March, when friends in her Nepean High School debating club invited her to join a young Progressive Conservative group.

What drew her to politics, says her father, Conrad, a political science professor at Carelton University, was her concern about the national debt.

"She held my generation responsible for accumulating that debt and benefitting from it, and felt her generation would have to pay for it."

Her parents supported her decision to run as a delegate in her riding association, believing that at most, she would run and lose.

But to her parents' astonishment, she delivered a speech at the delegate selection meeting and beat out people almost twice her age, and with years more party experience, for a place as a youth delegate at the convention.

For the next three months Winn campaigned hard for Jim Edwards, a man she describes as a decent, plain speaking, straight-shooter, whose deficit reduction plan, family values, and call for national education standards made good sense to her.

She considers the day she met Edwards in person as one of the highlights of the campaign.

For about eight hours a week she was on the phones trying to bring other youth delegates onto the Edwards team.

The convention was exhilarating, what with parties all day and night, the hoopla on the convention floor, the anxious wait for the results of the first ballot, and being chatted up by Campbell and Jean Charest workers who wanted to win her vote.

Reporters trailed her the entire weekend, which was both exciting and irritating. She was on *Canada AM*, gave 10 other television interviews, and was the subject of stories in several newspapers, including the *Toronto Star* and the *Ottawa Citizen*. Her campaign colleagues, "the nicest people in the world," helped by scheduling interviews for her and keeping the media at bay.

And on Saturday night when the candidates gave their speeches, the articulate and confident Winn stood before the crowd of 10,000 and introduced Edwards in French and English.

She was in fact on a first name basis and taken seriously by the party brass and the other candidates.

"She wasn't just a kid there for decoration," says her dad.

Though Winn now speaks like a veteran about leadership style, tracking delegate support, and fiscal policy, she says politics is just one part of her teenaged life. And that's how her parents want it.

"She certainly had a most unusual eduational experience, [but] we want her to focus on being 15," says her father.

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School launches fundraiser to reduce financial troubles

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The Shmuel Zahavy Cheder Chabad boys school is in dire financial straits with an accumulated debt of $250,000, but the school is confident that its fundraising appeal will help pull it through, the school's executive director said recently.

Rabbi Yona Shur said the school suffered a $100,000 shortfall in its 1992-93 budget of $650,000. Coupled with a $150,000 accumulated debt, that puts Cheder Chabad a quarter of a million dollars in arrears.

Although the school, which is located in the Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre in Thornhill, is experiencing a cash shortfall, it will continue operations in the upcoming school year with an expansion to include Grade 8 classes. The educational institution is banking on the support of Toronto's Jewish community to help pull it through, the rabbi said.

Cheder Chabad relies on tuition fees, which reach as much as $6,000 per student, and on a low key approach to fundraising, with benefactors being solicited on a one-to-one basis.

But "people are hurting and people are being turned to from more sources [for donations] than they used to be," Rabbi Shur said.

"Because of the situation out there, a lot of middle benefactors that we counted on every year, suddenly that source dried up."

Those mid-sized benefactors each donated several hundred or a thousand dollars, he added.

As a result of the cash shortfall in last year's budget, the school is "a couple of payrolls" behind in paying teachers' salaries. But the teachers have been tremendously supportive of the school and "the devotion of the staff has been our success," Rabbi Shur said.

Cheder Chabad is in the midst of its major annual fundraising drive that culminates on July 29 with a dinner and draw. Yehezkel and Zahava Zahavy will be honored at the dinner in recognition of their leading role in supporting the cheder. The school is named after their late son.

Rabbi Yona Shur says Cheder Chabad is asking the community to help pull the school through its current financial woes. [Paul Lungen photo]

Rabbi Shur said the sums raised in the current drive will go towards providing scholarships to needy children. Any surplus raised either during the drive or afterwards will go towards the debt.

The school is hoping to sell 1,200 tickets at $180 each, $150 of which is tax deductible.

Rabbi Shur said Cheder Chabad receives no financial support from the worldwide Lubavitch movement, as each branch is expected to rely on local financial support.

The school is not affiliated with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and receives no funds from the federation's United Jewish Appeal campaign either. Rabbi Shur said Cheder Chabad is planning to approach the Board of Jewish Education (which is affiliated with the federation) with the view to becoming part of the broader Jewish day school system.

Rabbi Shur pointed out that the 120 boys who attend Cheder Chabad, beginning at preschool ages, receive a Torah education in a small classroom environment that features close ties between teachers and students. And in keeping with Lubavitch's reputation of "being there for every Jew," the school's educational philosophy stresses community involvement and participation as well. Children are taken to seniors' residences and to hospitals where they may put on Chanukah skits or perform mitzvot.

"That's the hallmark of Chabad and what we try to impart in the school, not only in the book, but in practice," Rabbi Shur added.

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BB's baseball policy upsets Jewish student

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — What's Jewish about playing baseball? Probably nothing, unless you're playing on a B'nai Brith (BB) Canada league. The league, which began in the 1960s as a program for B'nai Brith members, has grown from a handful of teams to 1,500 players in over 100 teams offering competitive fastball as well as recreational slo-pitch.

The league has attracted many new members to B'nai Brith. The organization's president, Gabe Nachman, originally joined B'nai Brith because he wanted to play baseball.

It is a policy of B'nai Brith Canada that players must be members of BB lodges. Because B'nai Brith is a Jewish organization, lodge members (and hence players) must be Jewish, Frank Dimant, executive vice-president, B'nai Brith Canada, told *The CJN*. In fact, teams can forfeit their standing for having players who are not members of a B'nai Brith lodge, according to Dimant.

York University student David Train, 22, was dismayed to learn of B'nai Brith's policy earlier this year, when a non-Jewish friend of his was denied membership on a B'nai Brith softball team.

In a letter to B'nai Brith Canada, Train said that he finds the organization's policy "prejudicial" and "unethical."

Dimant was not surprised at the criticism. This question arises about once every five years, he noted. "Baseball is part of B'nai Brith Canada's programming, which is open only to members. B'nai Brith is a Jewish organization made up of Jewish men and women in order to fulfil a very specific mandate of Jewish survival. Everything else results from this premise.

"As a religious, fraternal organization, we have a right to define what the membership is. When a program is open to guests, we do not discriminate on the basis of race or religion."

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Jewish Family and Child Service recently held a picnic celebrating their 125th anniversary. BBYO youth helped out at the event. Seen with North York Mayor Mel Lastman is (left) Jeff Glaizel, BBYO Toronto Council AZA president and Emma Sevitt, member of Chapter Dor Chadash, BBG.

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Shemen served with Kashruth Council

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —Rabbi Nachman Shemen, executive director of the Kashruth Council (COR) from its inception in 1950 until his recent retirement, died this month in Toronto. He was 81.

Born in Chodle, Poland, he received smicha, rabbinic ordination, at age 17 in both Lublin and Warsaw.

He came to Toronto in 1930, and worked for many years as a teacher at Eitz Chaim. He joined Canadian Jewish Congress in 1946, and, with Meyer Gasner and Rabbi Gedalia Felder, among others, helped found the Orthodox Division.

At his funeral, Rabbi Mordechai Ochs praised him for his attempts in his "highly sensitive position..."to bring harmony to all sides. It is largely to his tribute that we have such an excellent kashrut organization."

Current COR executive director Rabbi Mordechai Levin, hand-picked as his successor by Rabbi Shemen, praised him for being able to assess difficult situations, and knowing the best way to deal with the people involved.

As well, Rabbi Levin said, "he was always open to new projects and ideas, and looked to the future."

Although he officially retired last year, he retained his office at the Lipa Green Building, and kept coming in to advise and help until the week before his death.

Rabbi Shemen also wrote extensively. He wrote for various Yiddish newspapers, as well as what Rabbi Ochs described as "seminal works" on chassidus, social justice, history, biographies, and the dignity of the woman in Jewish life.

He received the Joseph Tanenbaum Award for Outstanding Jewish Writing, as well as similar awards in Mexico and Israel.

For many years he gave a weekly sermon at his synagogue, Torah V'Avodah.

During World War II, he was active with the Canadian Federation of Polish Jews, and in that capacity helped to smuggle Jews out of Poland.

Sheryn Weber worked with him at the Kashruth Council for six years, but knew him for much longer. She described Rabbi Shemen as "the best person to work with.

"He looked at things from a fresh perspective — he didn't have preconceived notions. That's why he could be so innovative."

Also, she said, he had the ability to make everyone feel that they were special and important.

Cynthia Gasner, director of information and public relations for the Kashruth Council, who worked with Rabbi Shemen for over 20 years, called him "one of the outstanding architects of our vibrant Jewish community in Canada. His contributions to building a respected and organized kashrut program, to Jewish scholarship throughout the world, and to the resolution of difficult community disputes has made him a legend."

Irving Feldman, chair of the Orthodox division, spoke at the funeral of his almost unique ability to communicate with all elements of the community.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut, rabbi emeritus of Holy Blossom Temple, echoed this sentiment in a letter to the family, in which he called him "kind, generous, broadminded. He cared for all Jews."

Stephen Speisman, director of the Ontario Jewish Archives, was a colleague of Rabbi Shemen for over 20 years. He notes that, until very recently, Rabbi Shemen didn't use the title "rabbi," explaining that he dealt on a business level with many different Jews as well as with non-Jews, and didn't want to risk bringing what he considered the sacred position of a rabbi into disrepute.

In a voice breaking with emotion, Dr. Larry Shemen eulogized his father as a mediator, as merciful, compassionate, humble.

Rabbi Shemen is survived by his wife Toby, son Larry and his wife Sherri, daughters Aviva, Honey and Shaul Hochstein and Orah and Irwin Weinberger, sister Florence Korn and 16 grandchildren.

Rabbi Nachman Shemen

Winnipeg rabbi retires after 26 years with shul

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Rabbi Sholom Rappaport has staying power. Where the average North American Rabbi lasts about five years with a congregation, Rappaport has just retired after over 26 years as the spiritual leader of Winnipeg's Conservative Rosh Pina Congregation.

The long-serving rabbi was the honoree at a special Shabbat service on June 19 at the synagogue. He spoke fondly of his years of service, of seeing synagogue membership grow from 650 families when he arrived to a peak of over a thousand, of the Rosh Pina's successful adult education program in the early 1980s, of his involvement in and support of the seniors co-op that was built on the synagogue property three years ago. He is particularly proud of the Rabbi Sholom Rappaport Education and Lecture Series the synagogue created in his honor when he was named Rabbi Emeritus in 1987.

Trained as an Orthodox rabbi — he received his smicha in 1951 — he came to the Rosh Pina after pulpits in Pennsylvania and San Diego. After 40 years as a rabbi, Rappaport feels he has learned a few lessons from his experiences.

"My perception of the role of a rabbi may be contrary to the views of most other North American rabbis," he says. "I don't think a rabbi can function anymore as an authoritarian personality. Before you can teach and guide, you have to earn the friendship of your congregation and the individuals in it. Once you establish that friendship, then you gain credibility and people will listen to you and respect you."

Rappaport believes a rabbi has to understand the nature of his congregation and guide it in a way that is in its best interests. The divisiveness that Rosh Pina has encountered over the issue of egalitarism these last two years is the principal reason the semi-retired Rappaport has decided to fully retire.

Tenure cut-short

"There are some who think I am deserting the congregation because I have declined to take over again from my successor [Rabbi Judah Kogan, whose tenure was cut short by a newly-elected Rosh Pina Board of Directors in late April]," says Rappaport. "The point is that the Rosh Pina has introduced various changes which exclude me from functioning in the capacity in which I had functioned throughout the years."

As to the fate of Rabbi Kogen, Rappaport would only state that anyone trying to follow in the shoes of someone who has been around for 25 years is going to have problems. "The smartest thing a guy in that position could do is take advice from his predecessor rather than individual lay people who render interpretations through their own values and prejudices."

He expects that Rabbi Kogen's successor should have an easier time of it.

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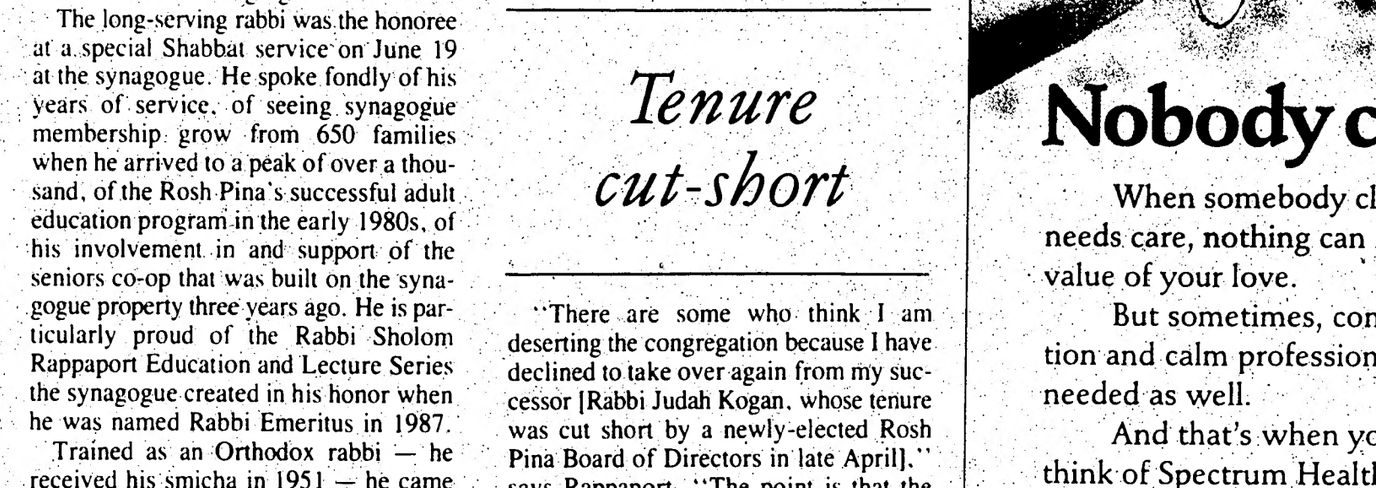

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Organizations and People

Police release numbers on hate-motivated crimes

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Metropolitan Toronto Police have reported that 74 hate-motivated crimes took place in the first six months of 1993.

Seventeen arrests were made in connection to the incidents, which are probably only a fraction of the number of race-related crimes that occur in Toronto, acting Deputy Chief Ron Dick told *The CJN*.

Some of the crimes are high profile incidents, such as the recent beating of a Tamil man by a skinhead, while others are incidents in which the racist aspect is secondary.

Dick cited the example of a recent robbery in which several whites approached a person from a minority (he would not say which one) at a bus stop, began a conversation, robbed him and then as they left, called him a derogatory name.

In the past that would probably have been recorded as a simple robbery, Dick said. But police officers are being sensitized to the racist aspect of crimes and reported it as a hate-motivated crime, he added.

Dick said police are setting up a procedure to educate officers in recognizing and reporting hate-motivated crimes.

He said Metro police, which established a hate crimes unit last December, are reporting a downward trend in incidents of hate-motivated crimes from January to June. He told the police services board that may be due to public education and arrests of offenders.

Dick said police are requesting each of the 17 divisional commanders in Toronto to name a liaison officer to deal with hate crimes in their area and to co-ordinate their efforts with the intelligence unit's hate crimes specialists.

Responding to Dick's suggestion that the incidents of hate crimes have dropped as the year went on, B'nai Brith Canada director Karen Mock said police had insufficient data to draw that conclusion.

"With no comparison data from previous years, it is premature for anyone to be drawing conclusions on trends," Mock said. "Our own statistics show a 200 percent steady increase in reported anti-Semitic incidents since 1988 and there is evidence the trend is continuing."

Bernie Farber, director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, said it is "commendable" that the police are compiling hate crime statistics, but he said it is unclear what police consider a hate crime to be.

"I am unclear as to their entire basis and criteria" for calling an incident hate-motivated, he said, adding that it was much too early for police to be claiming a drop in hate-motivated crimes.

Farber said it was also unclear what sort of training police are getting in this area.

Teachers Association rejects apology for Ross

TORONTO — The New Brunswick Teachers Association (NBTA) recently turned down a request by Malcolm Ross for an apology and financial compensation for being "mocked" at a May 6 teachers' workshop on the Holocaust.

The workshop was held in the Shaarei Zedek Synagogue in Saint John, N.B., and included discussions on anti-racist education and on Christian-Jewish relations.

Ross, who was removed from the classroom two years ago for alleging a world Jewish conspiracy, claimed that teachers were expected to participate in a religious ceremony in the synagogue and that those who refused to do so were singled out and pressured to take part, the *Moncton Times & Transcript* reported.

Ross also said he was subjected to verbal pressure from a Jewish man after he refused to wear a kippah in the synagogue and was "shadowed and harassed" by him.

But Rev. James Leland, who has opposed Ross on many occasions, disputed the former teacher's description of events.

Leland, who addressed the workshop on Christian-Jewish relations, said there was no religious ceremony and therefore no coercion to participate. The man who asked Ross to wear a kippah in the synagogue was not Jewish, as Ross alleged, and did not shadow and harass him.

Toronto educator Frank Bialystok, who delivered a keynote address on anti-racist education, said he was asked in the question period to comment on Ross. Bialystok told *The CJN* he merely noted that there was no evidence that Ross brought his views into the classroom and that he did not agree with his writings.

Leland, who refuted Ross' allegations in a letter to the *Daily Gleaner* newspaper, said Ross showed disrespect for the Jewish community by having his picture taken on the bimah while holding a book emblazoned with a cross, as well as by refusing to wear a kippah.

"I would like to suggest that Mr. Ross went to the workshop hoping to gain media attention," Leland said in his letter. "Also, that he requested an interview with the news media in order to misrepresent the facts to the public, hoping to gain sympathy."

The NBTA declined to apolgize to Ross, saying it is not responsible for the substance of any workshop.

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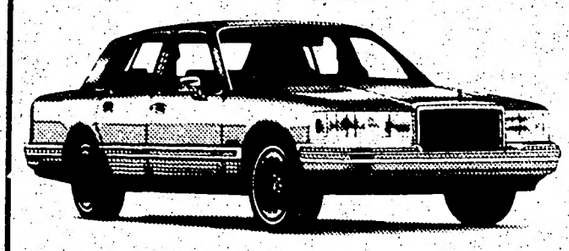
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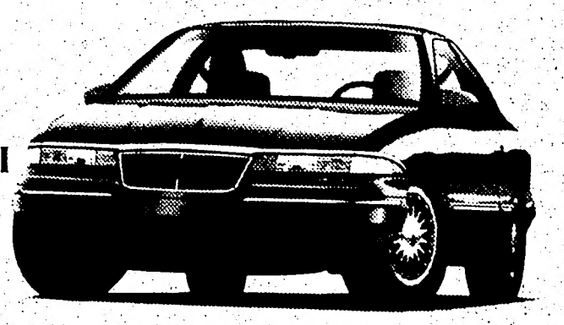
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Givens found trip to Poland worthwhile despite the pain

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —Although many Jews do not want to visit Poland because of perceived anti-Semitism, former Toronto mayor Philip Givens said here recently that the visit of 164 Canadian Jews to the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising was worthwhile.

"If President Lech Walesa had got down on his knees and slit his wrists he couldn't have done any more to apologize to the Jews," said Givens.

"It was worth going to Poland to hear Walesa, who is as Polish as a yard-long sausage, say this to our people. To me it was unbelievable. They [the Poles] didn't have to do it. Did Canada or the United States ever apologize to the Jewish people? Did France?"

Speaking to the New Fraternal Jewish Association, Givens said he asked one survivor after another if they thought the visit was worthwhile." One woman told me: 'We cannot get back what they have taken away but I am glad this took place.' There were survivors who felt that their pain and suffering was eased."

Nevertheless, he said he would not go back to Poland again. "The plaques at Auschwitz honoring the Jewish dead have still not been returned to their place. The huge cross at the convent is still there and the nuns won't budge for awhile. At the only shul left in Warsaw, where we attended services, there was grafitti on the front door saying 'Juden raus' (Jews out) and 'Juden toit' (Jews are dead). Anti-Semitism is alive and well in Poland."

Phil Givens

On this trip, the former mayor said he decided not to re-visit the shtetl where his father lived. A visit to that site in 1966 had left him with too many bitter memories.

Givens said some members of the Canadian entourage on this trip had bad experiences when they visited shtetls where their families came from. "Some of the Poles thought the Canadians were there to take away their properties and gave them a bad time."

Givens said he did not intend to defend Poland, but on balance, he had to agree with a statement by President Walesa at the Ghetto memorial ceremony addressed to the Jewish people: "The cause you fought for has won."

There is a small but viable Jewish community of from 5,000 to 10,000 people in Poland today, he said.

In 1966, Givens said the concentration camps were smelly and filthy, but on this trip he found them "gussied up," with "almost a carnival atmosphere prevailing."

Speaking of the Warsaw Ghetto ceremony, Givens said in his time as mayor and as a member of the legislature and parliament he had attended many events with pomp and circumstance and kings and queens. "But I've never seen anything on as grand a scale as anti-Semitic Poland did for the Jews."

Another member of the Canadian group, Aaron Green said a woman who heard him speaking Polish approached and asked if Itzik was a Jewish name. "She said she was taken away from her family at the age of three but she remembered that her father was named Itzik. She is desperately trying to find out if she is Jewish. I gave her some addresses where she could get information. But this incident tells me that there is a chance that Polish Jewry will survive and I will be happy if it does."

CONFRONTATION

Julius Ciss (centre), Canadian director of Jews for Judaism, North America's only Jewish counter-missionary group, confronted members of Jews for Jesus in downtown Toronto earlier this month and distributed his organization's brochures to passers-by. Members of Jews for Jesus and other messianic Jews, or so-called Hebrew-Christians, come to Toronto and Montreal every summer to hand out literature. [photo: Starbuck & Associates]

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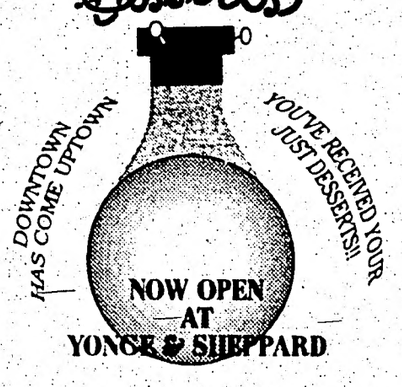

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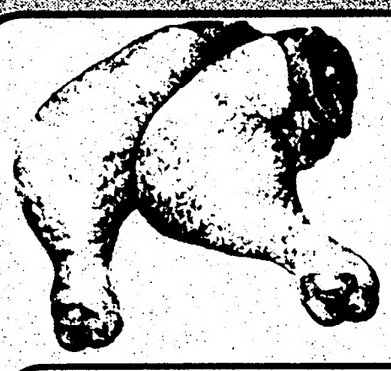

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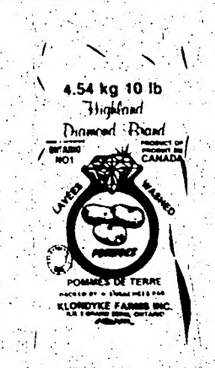

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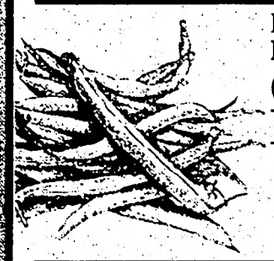

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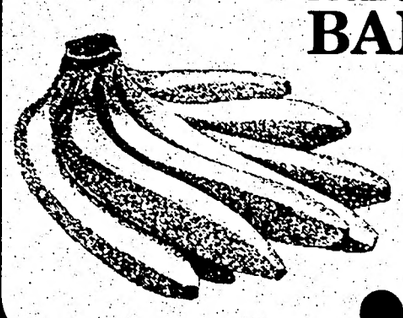

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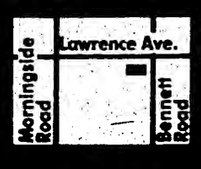

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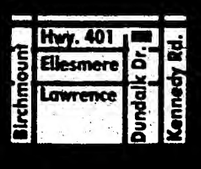

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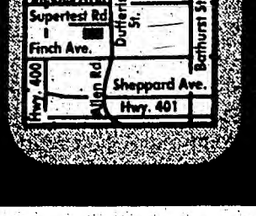

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Organizations and People

Yiddish writer dead at 85

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — One of the last two surviving members of the famed Young Vilna Poets, Peretz Miransky, a leading Yiddish writer, died July 10 of heart failure at Baycrest Hospital. He was 85 and had been in poor health for several years.

Peretz Miransky

A quiet man, who wore his dignity like a mantle, Miransky was beloved in the Jewish community for the grace of his Yiddish writing and for the international awards he brought here.

These included the Itzik Manger Award for Yiddish poetry presented to him in Israel in 1988, the National Jewish Book Award in the United States in 1980 and the Canadian J.I. Segal award for Yiddish poetry in 1975 and 1980.

His Meadowbrook Avenue duplex was filled with birds and flowers made from sea shells, and animals from driftwood, a hobby that grew out of his love for nature, a love reflected in much of his writing.

The only other member of the Young Vilna Poets still alive is Abraham Sutzkever in Israel. Though in failing health, Sutzkever still edits *The Golden Ring* the world's best known Yiddish literary journal. The late Chaim Grade was a member of the group.

Miransky was a pillar of strength for those fighting to keep Yiddish alive in the community, not only because of his writing, but for 20 years he acted as the Canadian agent for *Der Tog* at one time the world's largest daily Yiddish newspaper, and later for *The Forward*. He wrote fables, poliical satires and nature poems for both newspapers.

His contributions were recorded in eulogies by Aaron Fainer, Chana Miransky, one of his two daughters, Gerry Kane, of the Yiddish committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, and David Newman. The memorial prayer was recited by Cantor Louis Danto and at the graveside in the Workmen's Circle section of Mount Sinai cemetery on Wilson Avenue, Israel Gursinkel, read a poetic tribute.

His five published works were *Likht fara Grosh (Light for a Penny), Shira Shirot (Line of Songs), Tsvishin Shnaykhl un Trer (Between Smiles and Tears), Nisht Der Zott (Not Fully Said) and Zemer Fun Demer(Song of my Twilight).*

His wife, Saba, said she hopes to publish another collection of his works. None of his books were ever published in English translation, she said, because the poet was never satisfied that the translations adequately expressed the Yiddish intent.

Born in Vilna in 1908, Miransky established a reputation as a writer of promise in that active Jewish community, along with othe poets, authors, journalists and social critics. During the war, he lived in Samarkand, Russia, where he was not permitted to write freely about what was happening to his people. When he did return to Vilna, briefly, again the political atmosphere was such that he could not speak his mind. He then lived in France and Germany, where his daughter Chana was born in a displaced persons camp, coming to Canada in 1948.

His first wife, Lola, died in 1970. Surviving are his wife, Saba, two daughters, Chana, of Toronto, and Libby Tucker of New York, a son, Rami, of Toronto, and four grandchildren.

'Yo-yo King' dead at 79

TORONTO — Samuel Dubiner, once known as Toronto's yo-yo king, died last month in Israel, where he had been living for 42 years. He was 79.

Born in Toronto, the son of a tailor, Dubiner founded Dulev Plastics, a leading manufacturer of plastic. But before that, he established Cheerio Toys and Games Ltd., which made and marketed a new toy at the time, the yo-yo.

Samuel Dubiner in 1947 photo

Dubiner had become fascinated with the yo-yo while still in his twenties and the toy took Toronto by storm, earning Dubiner the monicker of "The Yo-yo King."

At one time, Dubiner employed over 200 people. Shortly before World War II, he geared Dulev Plastics to the war effort. But in 1948, he visited the new Jewish state and was smitten.

Three years later, he sold his companies and moved his family to Israel. They first settled in B'nei Brak and later in Ramat Gan, where Dubiner was involved in several businesses and ran a local art gallery.

According to his sister Evelyn Pelman of Toronto, Dubiner was also an amateur economist and was in the midst of writing a book on economics when he died.

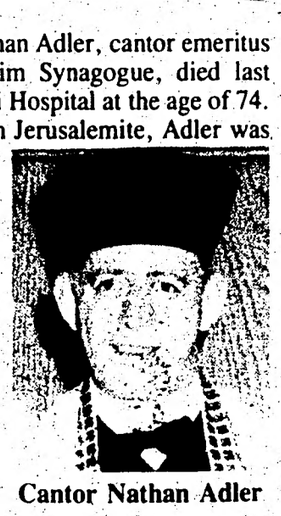
Dubiner leaves his wife Betty, three children and two grandsons.

Nathan Adler served as Toronto cantor

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Nathan Adler, cantor emeritus of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, died last week in Mount Sinai Hospital at the age of 74.

A sixth generation Jerusalemite, Adler was born into a family of chazzanim and rabbanim in the Old City of Jerusalem on Tu B'Shevat, 1919. His father, Yisrael, was a shaliach tzibur (lay cantor) and respected sofer (scribe) whose ancestors had emigrated to Palestine in the 1820s along with fellow disciples of the Vilna Gaon.



Cantor Nathan Adler

Adler's musical ability was evident by the age of five, when he was the youngest child to be invited to join the Machon Shirei Yisrael choir, all of whose members became cantors. He later attended the Jerusalem Conservatory of Music.

At 23, Adler became cantor of Beth Knesset HaGadol in Rehovot. His position was apparently the only "every Shabbat" position for a cantor in what was then Palestine. He also sang on Kol Yisrael radio, and organized choirs for a number of local schools.

Adler played soccer with Maccabi HaTzair and taught Morse Code in the underground before emigrating to Canada in 1947. He was cantor at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim in Windsor for three years before joining Shaarei Shomayim in 1950.

Adler organized the shul's first glee club as well as a men's and children's choir, of which at least six members became chazzanim. He was one of the founders and an early co-president of the Toronto Council of Chazzanim.

He wrote his own cantorial music, which he was generous about sharing with others. He also went out of his way to track down tunes at the request of individual congregants.

"He was a very inspiring individual," recalls Rabbi Walter Wurzberger, who travelled to Toronto from New York to officiate at Adler's funeral. (Rabbi Mark Dratch of Shaarei Shomayim was on vacation.)

Rabbi Wurzberger, who served as Shaarei Shomayim's rabbi from 1953 to 1967, spoke of Adler's "fabulous sense of humor" as well as the dignity he brought to his profession. "His spirit, courage and determination under trying circumstances were a tremendous spiritual achievement," the rabbi said.

Adler served as Shaarei Shomayim's cantor until 23 years ago, when he suffered a massive stroke. His daughter, Shulamit, a neuropsychologist, credits the extent of his recovery to his determination, optimism and practicality.

Adler became a director of the Stroke Recovery Association's Toronto chapter and a founding member of the Stroke Recovery Group at the Jewish Community Centre's North Y branch. He was instrumental in having JCC facilities opened to the disabled, and visited new stroke patients as a volunteer.

"He was a very gregarious person," said his daughter. "He loved people, and he was really engaged in life."

Adler is survived by Penina, his wife of almost 50 years; their children, Shlomo, of Toronto, and Shulamit, of Minneapolis; and three grandchildren. He also leaves three brothers and two sisters. A son, Isaac, predeceased him. A scholarship fund has been set up in Adler's memory with the Cantorial Endowment Fund.

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Family Matters

by

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Prior to the recent Supreme Court decision called **Moge**, Judges often imposed standards of self-sufficiency on women. This test became paramount in determining the amount and duration of alimony. A court might then focus solely on the woman's education, her ability to find work, the steps she had taken to upgrade her skills and look for employment, and her immediate needs. Quite often this emphasis on self-sufficiency as the overriding standard for making such decisions led to time-limited support orders in which a woman's alimony was terminated when the Court felt that she should be in a position to be self-supporting. In **Moge** the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that such reasoning contributed to the "feminization of poverty" because it made the test of self-sufficiency only one of many critical tests in determining how much spousal support a husband should pay and for how long. Canadian courts have now been told that they must quantify the overall negative economic impact of the marriage on the woman, without looking strictly at when she could become self-supporting. For instance, in the event of a lengthy marriage, a husband may now be ordered to financially compensate a woman who had relinquished significant seniority and future income by becoming a homemaker. In short, assessing a support claim has now become similar to the compensatory way a personal injury claim is measured. This has made alimony payments bigger and paid over a longer period of time, leading in some recent cases to large lump-sum orders in addition to any property division.

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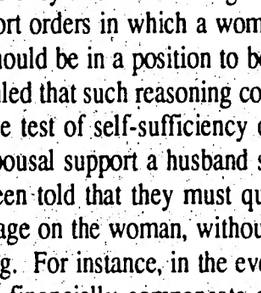
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Canadian Briefs

Nurgitz wins USC scholarship

TORONTO — Michael Nurgitz, 13, was recently presented with the first annual Mayer Fogel scholarship of merit awarded by United Congregational Schools (UCS) of Greater Toronto. The scholarship was established by the family of the late Mayer Fogel to recognize a graduating student for academic excellence, good citizenship and a commitment to continue the study of Jewish education.

Not only does Michael excel academically, said UCS educational director Rabbi Moshe Ben Baruch, but he's always ready to help his classmates by sharing his knowledge.

Michael Nurgitz

Michael, who just completed Grade 7 at UCS' Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am branch, is a budding violinist. He's played since the age of 4 and practises two hours a day. "I don't like practising," he admits, "but I like to play a lot." He also plays clarinet in his school band.

Until a year ago Michael attended Leo Baeck Day School. He now attends Crosby Heights Elementary School and is hoping to attend high school at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

A well-rounded student, Michael enjoys science and plans to become a veterinarian. He likes Hebrew language studies, and especially enjoyed learning about Jewish customs at UCS.

Michael is the second of four children of Naomi and Richard Nurgitz of Richmond Hill.

The Mayer Fogel Scholarship fund is administered by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, where a branch of UCS is also located. — **Frances Kraft**

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Golda Meir wins Color War

PARRY SOUND — The winning Golda Meir team appeared amazed at the announcement of its victory in the "Color War" at the semi-annual kallah (conclave) of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), Ontario region's High School Outreach Program.

Twenty-six teenagers attending the recent weekend gathering at Maple Lodge Resort near Parry Sound were divided into three teams in the "Battle of Jewish Heroes" in the Israeli education portion of the program.

The youngsters, with assistance from group leaders, put together factsheets, banners, visual presentations, and group cheers about David Ben-Gurion, Theodor Herzl and Golda Meir.

"I learned how admirable Golda Meir's accomplishments were," remarked 13-year-old Jeffrey Pepper of Cobourg, a member of the winning team.

Golda Meir team captain Julie Spergel, 16, of Sudbury praised the spirit of her group in making possible the victory in the all-day competition. "I don't know how I will ever be able to wait to December to see the group again," she commented.

For many of the teenagers, the "Battle of Jewish Heroes" was an introduction to Israeli history following a year and a half of study and programs about Judaism, early Jewish history, and the Holocaust.

The teenagers living in small communities learn by correspondence from material sent out by Congress, and from periodic visits by the program co-ordinator. Twice yearly, they come together at kallahs. This three-year CJC program ends next year when the group will visit Israel for six weeks of study and travel.

Alyssa Brown, 16, of Guelph observed that Allison Tward, attending her first kallah as the CJC's program co-ordinator, helped bring the participants together as a group.

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CREEM Committee members named

MARKHAM — Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Markham Council have named 12 local citizens to serve on the Committee on Race and Ethnocultural Equity of Markham (CREEM).

Serving as committee chair is Churchill Piggott. Members include Millicent Radway, Marylou Wratten, Narendra Shah, Michael Daramola, Sudesh Kamra, Jack Sharp, Harvey Goodman, Paul Marcus, Shiraz Lalani, Helen Ijaz and Jules Poirier. Council representation consists of Mayor Scarpitti and Councillor Dave Tsubouchi.

CREEM is now in its sixth year of operation and is the focal point for Markham's effort to combat racial intolerance in the community.

This year CREEM will focus on increasing its visibility in the community, developing stronger links with the youth in Markham and information sharing with other organizations involved in race relations.

The CREEM Committee meets on a monthly basis. Should you desire further information, please contact 477-7000 extension 618.

Associated branch wins championships

TORONTO — The Neptune branch of Associated Hebrew Schools took home two titles recently, as both the girls and boys teams won championship matches in the Jewish Day School Basketball League.

The Associated Tigers dominated the league as both teams went through their seasons undefeated.

The boys squad finished the regular season 11-0 and then won both playoff games, defeating United Synagogue Day School (USDS)-Bayview branch in the title game, played at the Jewish Community Centre on Bathurst Street.

The girls likewise recorded a perfect season, racking up an 8-0 record followed by two playoff wins. They used home court advantage in the championship match to defeat USDS-Bayview.

School principal Jerry Rosenfield said that while the basketball action created a great deal of school spirit, the two-year-old league, which Associated promoted, also helped bring together youngsters from various Jewish schools.

In addition to Associated-Neptune, Associated's Danilack (Leslie Street) branch fielded a boys team, as did USDS-Bayview, Bialik and Leo Baeck.

The same schools, minus Leo Baeck, fielded girls teams. — **Paul Lungen**

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School anti-racism program proposed

TORONTO — Ontario Education Minister Dave Cooke announced last week that the province's school boards will be required to draw up comprehensive anti-racism policies and have them in place by September 1995.

The minister also unveiled plans to increase the number of teachers from visible minorities to make the classroom more reflective of Ontario's diverse population. Cooke said Ontario's faculties of education will be required to develop a plan to increase the number of students from under-represented groups.

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JCC dinner honors Blue Jays

TORONTO — The Toronto Blue Jays were in centre field at the Jewish Community Centre's (JCC) ninth annual Sports Celebrity Dinner held recently at the Constellation Hotel.

The dinner, the JCC's most important annual fundraising event, honored the Blue Jays as sportsmen of the year in recognition of the team's history of accomplishments since its inception in 1977.

Abe Glowinsky, who chaired the dinner, welcomed the almost 850 guests and said that he was gratified to see so many people with a sense of community come out and support the Jewish Community Centre.

David Perlmutter, president of the JCC, recognized all the guests as sportsmen and pointed out of the 250 people participating in the Maccabi games, 150 came from Toronto and many of those are from the JCC. A Maccabi presentation was made to Irving Ungerman and Sid Greenberg.

Celebrity guests included Blue Jay pitcher, Al Leiter, former Blue Jays John Mayberry, Tom Underwood and Otto Velez, Toronto Maple Leaf Peter Zezel and sports broadcasters, Mark Hebscher and Ken Daniels. Former major league umpire Marty Springstead regaled the crowd with tales of an umpire's life and singer Robert Pilon provided a musical interlude. In a videotaped message, Pat Gillick, Toronto Blue Jay executive vice-president, baseball, stressed that this year there would be no world series games on the high holidays.

Perlmutter and JCC executive director Paul Brownstein presented Paul Markle, director of marketing for the Toronto Blue Jays with the Sportsmen of the Year award designed by Tiffany and Company, who also designed the Toronto Blue Jays World Series Championship ring. — **Carolyn Blackman**

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Weiner receives award

OTTAWA — The Simon Wiesenthal Centre has presented its Distinguished Service Award to the Honorable Gerry Weiner, minister of multiculturalism and citizenship.

This prestigious award was given to the minister in recognition of the Government of Canada's leadership in combating racism, promoting human rights and tolerance, and furthering the values of multiculturalism. This marks the first time the award has gone to a Canadian. The award was presented on June 21 at the Wiesenthal Centre's Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles.

"This award means a great deal to me. It is a tremendous honor to accept it on behalf of countless Canadians who have promoted equality and respect for people of all cultures and backgrounds both in Canada and around the world. It is a privilege all the more meaningful as it comes from one of the largest and most active and respected human rights agencies in the world," said Weiner.

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Organizations and People

Father's final message inspires genealogist to find his roots

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —It was a deathbed message from his father that inspired Alexander Kronick, 40, a Moscow genealogist, to find his Jewish roots.

"Be as I am," were the final words of Kronick, Sr., and he gave his son the names and addresses of seven Jewish relatives.

The elder Kronick, also named Alexander, was born in Vilna in 1901 and his son in Kiev in 1953.

"Up to that time I had never heard the word Jew mentioned in our house," said the younger Kronick, who captivated the 12th annual summer seminar on Jewish Genealogy in Toronto recently with the account of his personal road to Jewish culture. "My father's message was like a letter in a corked bottle thrown into the sea which washes ashore at the right time."

Although many of the relatives mentioned by his father are now living in Israel, Kronick did find an 80-year-old uncle in Vilna and thus began his interest in genealogy.

A psychologist, Kronick is president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Moscow, while his wife, Katerina, from Yaroslav in the Ukraine, who translated his paper to the seminar, is vice-president. She is a psychology therapist in private practice. The society has 26 members, most of them amateurs.

Conditions in Russia and other parts of the former Soviet Union do not favor the amateur genealogist because documents are not classified well, the paper is deteriorating and yellowing, and, at times, records of Jewish families were hidden or removed, owing to political pressures.

Besides that, Kronick said, some museums and institutes are charging fees to access their records. For example, the museum in Odessa charges $400 and the Hermitage in St. Petersburg, $80. Hotel bills are another problem for genealogists visiting Russia.

The situation is even worse for amateur genealogists living in the former Soviet Union for they cannot afford to pay the research fees out of their $40 a month wages.

Kronick said conditions for genealogical research in Russia remind him of a Russian fairy tale which starts: "Go I know not where, and find I know not what."

He explained that he depended on his wife to translate his paper to English because the time he intended to study English to prepare for his trip to Canada was used up in standing in line for his passport.

He presented a magnificent volume full of color prints *Russian Hand-Painted Shop Signs* printed in Russia to chair William Gladstone for deposit in the library of the Canadian Jewish Genealogical Society in the North York main library branch.

ETHIOPIAN BAR MITZVAH

Eyassu (Joshua) Kibur recently became the first Ethiopian boy to chant his bar mitzvah in the Sephardi tradition at Magen David Congregation in Toronto. Services for teffillin took place the next morning at Petah Tikvah Anshe Castilla Congregation. Eyassu (right) is seen here putting on his tefillin with (from left) his teacher Rabbi Elishau Afriat and his father Kibur.

Jews helped settle Canada

By DEE KRAMER

TORONTO — The Jews who came to Canada between 1749 and 1867 were traders, risk takers, survivors. They were men (mostly) who were looking for a place where they could escape the restraints and restrictions placed on them as Jews. They were looking for a place they would not be sent away from.

"The British prevented them from owning land in settled areas, so they went into the 'boonies'," said Judith Godfrey at the talk she and Sheldon Godfrey gave at the 12th International Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy, held in June at the Park Plaza Hotel in Toronto.

The Godfreys have become recognized experts on Jewish life on the Canadian frontier. They have been scrounging through cemeteries, paging through old diaries, private papers and correspondence in Catholic seminaries and synagogues in the States, going to tiny museums in the Miramichi area of New Brunswick, checking out death notices, and taking rubbings of old cemetery headstones. "We look everywhere and xerox everything," said Sheldon.

And the conclusions they have come to are very interesting. "There were more of us in the beginning — up to 10 percent — and our importance [to the frontier community] was greater than we thought," said Judith.

During the French Period (1608 to 1760) there was an obligation to convert to Catholicism or leave. Conversions were very common. The Godfreys talked about a "Marranos mentality" on the frontier, with one man converting to Catholicism at least three times when he saw it would be to his advantage. When this period was over, there was a period of unparalleled equality for Jews in Quebec from 1760 to 1790.

Frontier traders

It was extremely difficult for these frontier traders to maintain their religion. It was not a question of putting together a minyan, but rather finding a Jewish bride. The very few who managed to find a Jewish bride had to import her from the States or Europe. They mostly lived in common-law with Catholic, Protestant and native Indian women. If there was a marriage ceremony it would be Protestant as Jews were not allowed a Catholic wedding.

But there are records of fur traders canoeing long distances to reach Montreal and giving tzedakah on High Holidays. The David family in Montreal observed the Sabbath. Mrs. David's correspondence often ends with a note saying she has to prepare for the Sabbath. By 1760, a cantor was imported to perform circumcisions. And by 1856 there were Jewish weddings.

The Godfreys have co-authored books and articles on Canadian Jewish history. Their latest book, *Search Out the Land*, on the Jews in British North America between 1749 and 1867, will be published next year. They are also currently completing genealogical summaries of approximately 100 Jewish families of the same period. This book will be called *Who Was Who in Canadian Jewry*.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. However, since we are not publishing the issue of August 5, I will not be here Thursday, July 22. I will be back at my desk Thursday, July 29, the deadline for the August 12 column.

Thursday, July 22

LUNCH AND LEARN

Holy Blossom Temple's Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group has been invited to meet at Lifestyle Retirement Residence Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave., at 2 p.m. to attend a performance by the JCC Singers. For information, call **Deborah**, 789-3291.

Sunday, July 25

...AND RABBI AKIVA LAUGHED

Ohr Somayach Thornhill is welcoming senior lecturer **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**, who will deliver a public lecture entitled ... And Rabbi Akiva Laughed: Tisha b'Av — From Destruction to Redemption. The time is 8:30 p.m. at Ohr Somayach, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Rabbi Becher is a visiting lecturer from the main centre in Jerusalem. This lecture is open to the public. There is no admission charge. For information, call Ohr Somayach Program Line, 886-5732.

SUMMER BARBECUE

A summer barbecue is being held by Canadian Friends of Givat Haviva to introduce you and your friends to the activities of Givat Haviva and to members of the support group in Toronto. It takes place at 6:30 p.m. at the home of **Elliot and Tama Berman**, 154 Colvin Cres., Thornhill. No solicitation of funds. To RSVP and for more information, contact **Miriam** at 736-1405.

IN-LINE SKATING FESTIVAL

It's the newest sports rage! In-line skating enthusiasts are encouraged to collect pledges and join in United Way's first annual Skate Around the Park event at Queen's Park. This 10-km skate promises to be fun for the entire family. Pick up your pledge sheets at United Way. The phone number is 777-2001.

HELPING OUT AT CARAVAN

Shown with members of Scouts Canada who assisted with this year's Caravan Jerusalem Pavillion sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada are (from left) Paul Marcus, national director of B'nai Brith Canada's Institute for International Affairs; national president Gabriel Nachman; Jerusalem Pavillion Princess Shauna Marcovici; mayor and chair Monty Mazin; and executive vice-president Frank Dimant.

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Tuesday, July 27

TEARS OF A NATION

Ohr Somayach Thornhill is sponsoring a series of lectures on the afternoon and evening of Tisha b'Av entitled Tears of a Nation. The program begins at 3 p.m. with an historical perspective of the times surrounding the destruction of the two Temples in Jerusalem by **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**, visiting lecturer from Ohr Somayach Jerusalem, followed at 4 p.m., with an audio-visual view of the Temple and its era by architect **Yisroel Idels**. Then at 5:45 p.m., **Rabbi Avram Rothman** will present Say Kaddish For Us: Letters, Stories and Personalities of the Holocaust. Rabbi Becher will close the series with a lecture at 6:45 p.m. on the Talmud's View of the Destruction of Jerusalem.

The series will be held at Ohr Somayach Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. It is open to the public and there is no admission charge. For further information, call **Jill**, 885-5730.

TISHA B'AV LECTURES

The community is invited to a series of lectures at Clanton Park Synagogue on the relevance of Tisha b'Av in our lives today. Mincha is at 2 p.m. followed by **Rabbi Yehiel Benayon**, The Expulsion of Spanish Jewry:501 Years Later, 2:30; **Rabbi Avishai David**, Reflections of Rav Soloveitchik ZT"L on the Legal and Philosophical Aspects of Tisha b'Av, 3:30; **Rabbi Yaacov Hirschman**, Dynamics of the Churban (Destruction), 4:30; **Rabbi Irwin Witty**, Reflections on selected Kinnot, 5:30; **Rabbi Yossi Michalowicz**, Aspects of Nechama (Comfort), 6:30, ending with Mincha at 7:30.

Wednesday, July 28

ALL-STAR BASH

The Starlight Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to granting wishes to seriously ill children, is hosting the second annual All-Star Bash at Windows Restaurant, SkyDome, at 10:30 p.m., following the baseball game between Toronto Blue Jays and Baltimore Orioles. Celebrities and Blue Jays will join Starlight Foundation well-wishers. Tickets for this fundraising event are $15 and can be purchased by calling 502-WISH (9474).

Thursday, July 29

TU B'AV FESTIVAL PARTY

The JCC New Leadership Program presents the fifth annual Tu b'Av Festival Party at 7:30 p.m. at the North Y branch, outdoor field by the tennis courts (if rain, new gym). The price of $18 in advance, $25 at the door includes the live band, Nu Rhythm; strictly kosher barbecue; munchies and dessert; cash bar; door prizes galore (two tickets for *Miss Saigon*, a Danier Leather outfit and more!) plus JCC Health Club pass; JCC tennis pass; Leah Posluns Theatre show coupon; free annual single membership to Koffler Gallery and School of Visual Arts; 10 percent off Ballroom Dancing course; $3 off Metro Toronto Singles August 1 party at Berlin; and $25 off Jewish Singles Registry.

Tickets may be purchased at all three JCC branches, ICRF office, 487-5246, or Metro Toronto Singles office, 222-7111.

And What Else Is New...

SUMMER SERMONS PROGRAM

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation continues its summer sermons program with **Lorne Hanick** (July 10); **Mark Gryfe** (July 17); **Max Goody** (July 24); **Rabbi Ronald Muroff** (July 31); **Mark Biller** (August 7); **David Wise** (August 14); **Mark Freedman** and **Judy Jacobs** (August 21); **Ziona Rubinsztejn** (August 28).

ARTISTS TAKE NOTE

The Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch is now accepting applications from artists wishing to showcase their art work in the Bloor Y. If you are interested, please submit your written application, including photos or slides, by August 20, to Bloor Y Branch, 750 Spadina Ave., Toronto, M5R 2J2, Attention: Art Selection Committee.

TEMPLE EMANU-EL SERVICES

Temple Emanu-El, 120 Old Colony Rd., Willowdale, invites the community to join in summer services. Daily minyan services are Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. and Sunday and holidays, 8:30 a.m. Friday Shabbat services take place 6:30 p.m. and Saturday Shabbat services at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call 449-3880.

AT THE KOFFLER GALLERY

The Koffler Gallery is presenting Puppetry in Canada: An Art to Enchant through August 19. Organized by the Center for Puppetry Arts in Atlanta, Ga., this exhibition features approximately 30 puppets created by artisans from across Canada, documenting the contribution of Canadian artists to contemporary puppetry. The exhibition is supplemented with sets from Lampoon Puppetheatre of Toronto plus workshops about contemporary puppetry for children and adults.

In the Logia Gallery, the sixth exhibition High Junk features a selection of new work by **John Dickson, Greg Hefford** and **Lyla Rye**. This show also continues to August 19.

ORILLIA COUNTRY SUMMER SHUL

Shabbat services are held each Saturday during July and August, starting about 10:15 a.m. at the Orillia Country Shul, 143 Creighton St., Atherly (near Orillia). The phone number is (705) 327-7069.

Participants include **Rabbi Danny Gottlieb** (July 3); **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein** (July 10); **Rabbi Ephraim Shore** (July 17); **Cantor Tom Schwartz** (July 24); **Irv Mudrick**, services, and **Stewart Hytman**, Dvar Torah (July 31); **Rabbi Yaavov Palatnik** (August 7); **Prof. Zvi Gittelman** (August 14); **Rabbi Joel Hecker** (August 21); and **Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld** (August 28). Lunch is served after the service.

GAY LESBIAN BISEXUAL STUDENTS

The Coalition of Jewish Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students is holding a weekly peer group throughout the summer with a professional social worker. For more information, call 925-XTRA (9872), ext. 2114.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Shaarei Shomayim preschool programs are still accepting applications for September 1993. Mother and Tots Co-op runs Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., for children aged 1½-2½. Cost is $80 per month. Nursery Program operates Monday to Friday, 9:15-11:45 a.m., for ages 2½-3½. Cost is $150 a month.

Programs include crafts, music, indoor-outdoor play, Jewish holidays, Shabbat and brachat and more. Apply to both programs before Sept. 1. For information, call **Carol**, 785-3614, or **Ellise**, 785-6638.

HIGH HOLIDAY TICKETS

Lodzer Centre Congregation, 12 Heaton St. (Bathurst and Sheppard), is now selling tickets for High Holy Day services in the air-conditioned hall. Call 636-6665.

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DEDICATION

Sam Gilbert (right), chair of the mitzvah volunteer committee of Cummer Lodge, presents a plaque to Germaine and Carl Rees for their dedication and oustanding services to the residents of Cummer Lodge.

NEW PRESIDENTS

Lorne Chapnick and Patti Rotman were recently installed as the 1993-94 Toronto presidents of Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity and Alpha Omega Auxiliary respectively.

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What's New

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CRAFT AND GIFT VENDORS

Vendors are wanted for a craft and gift sale being held Thanksgiving Day at Bayview Village Mall (Sheppard and Bayview), 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Under the auspices of Beersheba Club, Na'amat Canada, the sale will feature over 100 boutiques. No admission charge for the public. Proceeds will go to charity. Interested parties should contact **Ruth Jacobson**, 636-5425 days, 764-8401 evenings.

JF&CS WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following groups:

Parenting: Our Challenge in the '90s; Surviving Separation and Divorce, starts August 3); Adult Children Losing a Parent.

For more information on fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

JEWISH RUSSIAN SYNAGOGUE

David Tsimerman

The Jewish Russian Synagogue has embarked on a new program: membership for families and individuals. A membership committee chaired by **David Tsimerman** has recently been formed. The dues, privileges and application forms as well as the approved process were discussed and approved. The first 68 families have already subscribed.

JEWISH HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

People in our community need your help. The Jewish Hospice Program is looking for committed and caring volunteers to provide in-home practical assistance and support to Jewish persons and their families during the final stages of a terminal illness. If you are searching for a challenging experience, this may be your opportunity. Through training you will acquire new skills and work with a health care team dedicated to ensuring quality care. If you are interested, call **Renee Montpellier**, volunteer co-ordinator, Jewish Hospice Program, 635-2860.

AL-ANON GROUP

A new Al-Anon group, a 12-step support group for families and friends of alchoholics, is forming and meeting at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., Room 103, Thursdays at 8 p.m. This is the only Al-Anon group meeting in a synagogue. For information, call Jewish Recovery Network, 669-0904.

VENDORS WANTED

Rockford Public School, 60 Rockford Rd., North York, is holding a craft and gift show Sunday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The committee is looking for vendors. Call 736-7755 for further information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Assist educational counsellors at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) by compiling and researching relevant information, responding to day-to-day issues and liaising with professionals. This is a great opportunity for people seeking a challenging volunteer post. Also, don't forget, JVS is always looking for individuals interested in sharing their vocational expertise and experience with JVS clients. Call the JVS volunteer office for more information, 787-1151, ext. 254.

at the JCC

The JCC New Leadership Program at the Jewish Community Centre northern branch is a new program designed to get young Jewish single people in their 20s, 30s and 40s to meet one another through various planned social activities discussed at committee meetings. If you are interested in joining the JCC New Leadership Program (free of charge), call **Rosanne**, 631-5658.

for seniors

LZA Seniors Club has a few seats available for the Stage West production of *Same Time Next Year* starring **Loretta Swit**, Wednesday matinee, August 4. Transportation, buffet lunch and show are included in the price. For information, phone **Libby**, 782-2059, or **Belle**, 633-5841. Registration for the 1994 Miami trips takes place every Wednesday morning, 10 to noon, at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. The Discussion Group meets Tuesdays 10 a.m. and the Ladies Dance Group Tuesdays 1 p.m.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss, share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is July 25, 1-2:30 p.m. in the Wagman Centre Boardroom, 55 Ameer Ave. For further information, call **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events: Saturday dance July 24, 7-10 p.m. (members free, non-members $1); the movie *Yours, Mine and Ours*, starring **Lucille Ball**, Wednesday, August 4, 2 p.m. (members free, non-members $1); barbecue party Sunday, August 8, 2-4 p.m. (members $5, non-members $6); Sunday dance with live band, August 8, 7:30-10:30 p.m. (members $4, non-members $5). North York Board of Education courses starting the week of Sept. 20 are bridge, fitness, line dancing, yoga. For information regarding the Ottawa and Metro Toronto Zoo trips, call club office, 395-7881.

A reminder that the **Association of Jewish Seniors** annual picnic is set for Sunday, July 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Earl Bales Park, Area One. Bring lunch and chairs. Free soft drinks, refreshments, prizes and entertainment will be provided. Everyone is welcome. For information, call **Goldie Leibman**, 635-2860.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). The July 21 program is bingo and on July 28 a video starring singer **Ophra Haza** will be shown. Sunday, August 8, a summer party with entertainment by the Chromatic Band takes place 7:30 p.m. at 15 Hove St. Tickets, $6 members, $8 non-members, to be purchased at meetings. For information, call 635-5604 or 782-9432.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club reports registration is being taken for the Israeli trip, Nov. 14 to Dec. 2. Other trips include Artpark to see *Anything Goes* August 12 and to Bobcaygeon, August 26. For information on all trips and activities, call **Lena**, 785-5773, or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Come to the Catskills kosher Pines Hotel (under TABLET K) with **Young at Heart Seniors** July 30 to August 8. Cost is $975 double occupancy, $1,095 single including everything. Trip to Atlantic City is free. Anyone wishing a ride to the Catskills, call **Doreen** or **Helen** at 635-6343.

At the **Wagman Centre**, there's bingo Sunday, July 25, 1:30-3 p.m. No concert is scheduled Tuesday evening due to Tisha b'Av. A trip to Artpark to see *Anything Goes* is arranged Wednesday, August 11. Call **Chyla Talesnick** at 789-5131, ext. 2274 for information.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone number is 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture series presents Acting Our Age, Thursday, July 22, 1:30 p.m. Enjoy a lively film about senior women who are successfully coping with widowhood, divorce, caregiving and aging. Discussion to follow. Admission free and everyone welcome.

On Monday, July 26, 1:30 p.m. the Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) features an educational program presented by Common Ground entitled Making Sense of the Middle East with **Michael Berger** as facilitator. No charge.

The LLI's Book Club with group leader **Jim McDonald** meets weekly on Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m. Summer classes begin July 27. New members welcome. Members $1, non-members $2. For information, contact **Bookie Kwart**, 225-2112.

The LLI Music Appreciation summer course, Italian Opera: From Rossini to Puccini, Part II, with lecturer/composer/musician **Morton Silverstone** will run 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays from July 28 to Sept. 8 (no class August 11). Members $1 each class, non-members $2. Call **Bookie Kwart**.

The movie *Oklahoma* will be screened Sunday, July 25, 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

A concert featuring **Ella Poret** is set for Wednesday, July 28, 1:30 p.m. Members $2.50, non-members $3.50.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking older adults, meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Programs include movies, concerts, lectures and dances. For more information, call **Anna**, 225-2112.

About People

SHAARE ZEDEK APPOINTMENT

University of Western Ontario fellow **Dr. Moshe Hersch** has been appointed director of the General Intensive Care Unit at Shaare Zedek Medical Center, Jerusalem. Born in Romania in 1952, he made aliyah in 1961 and subsequently completed his residency in internal medicine at Shaare Zedek in 1986. From 1986-89, he did research and his clinical fellowship in critical care medicine at London's UWO, at the same time completing a MSc program in the Department of Biophysics.

Hersch has received many prizes, among them the Arrow Award for the best original research presented in poster at the annual meeting of the Canadian Critical Care Society, in conjunction with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Ottawa.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR

Lili Reti was among 19 seniors recognized at Queen's Park for outstanding contributions to their communities. The judging was done by leaders of community service agencies and the requirements involved service performed after age 65.

The awards were presented during Seniors Month in June in the presence of **Lt.-Gov. Henry Jackman, Premier Bob Rae, Elaine Ziemba**, Minister of Citizenship, several MPPs and guests. Reti was commended for her many organizational activities, including a weekly cultural and literary gathering for the many Hungarian residents of Baycrest Terrace. She also was instrumental in the establishment of English classes and many other groups for seniors in the Hungarian community. She writes regularly for *Menorah* as well as taking creative writing classes in English. In her 80s, she slows down only long enough to plan another delightful afternoon or project.

NCJW OFFICERS

The National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, new officers for the 1993-95 season are **Gita Arnold**, president; **Connie Kachuck**, chairman of the board; **Barbara Greenglass**, executive vice-president; **Mae Waese**, portfolio chair, finance; **Sarah Glatt**, treasurer; **Frances Mandell**, portfolio chair, Bathurst/Prince Charles; **Mindy Rosenberg**, portfolio chair, service and education.

BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE EXECUTIVE

Beth Tikvah Synagogue's 1993-94 executive is headed by president **Harold Shapiro** with vice-presidents **Earl Biderman, Marsha Rosen** and **Heather Shapero**; treasurer **David Broude**; secretary **Robert Feldgaier**; immediate past president **Merle Goldman**, and members at large **Marlene Axmith, Howard Kaufman** and **Howard Rose**.

CHAIRMAN OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY

Torontonian **Ralph Halbert** has been elected chairman of the board of governors of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, succeeding **Harvey Krueger** of New York. He is the first Canadian to serve in the position.

Ralph Halbert

A graduate of the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry and University of Illinois Graduate School of Orthodontics, Halbert is chair of the Glen Corporation, a Toronto property development firm. He has served as deputy chair of the International Board of Governors of the Hebrew U. and as national president of the Canadian Friends. He is also a past chair of the United Jewish Appeal of Metropolitan Toronto, vice-president of United Israel Appeal Inc. of Canada, and chair of Canada Friends of the Israel Tennis Centre, Ramat Hasharon.

Halbert will serve as chairman of the board of governors' executive committee with **Michael Federman** of Israel and **John Sacher** of Britain as deputy chairs.

PLAQUES OF APPRECIATION

The outgoing co-chairs of the Israel Bond New Leadership Division, Malcolm and Jody Silver (left), were presented with plaques of appreciation at a recent backyard barbecue. With them are the division's new co-chairs Howard Alter (centre) and Jordana Enig Stockhamer. At far right is Toronto director of New Leadership, Marcia Cohen.

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Organizations and People

Toronto teenagers chosen early in OHL entry draft

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — If picking the right role models is any indication of future success, Ryan Appel and Jamie Sokolsky are two teens bound for glory.

Like many other 16-year-olds, the two are avid hockey fans with favorites in the National Hockey League (NHL). For Appel, it's big number 11, Mark Messier; for Sokolsky, it's slick-skating defenceman Raymond Bourque.

What sets the two youngsters apart from most of their contemporaries is that they recently took the first big steps towards joining their heroes on the big ice of the NHL.

The two Toronto-area midget players were early selections in the recent priority selection draft of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL), one of the three premiere Junior A leagues in the country.

Appel was selected by the London Knights in the first round, 11th overall. Sokolsky was drafted by the Newmarket Royals in the third round, 45th overall.

Like the New York Rangers' run-away freight train, Appel has size (six foot three, 205 pounds) and strength, and he's not afraid to use it. Sokolsky is a six foot two, 190-pound defenceman who likes to carry the puck a la Bourque of the Boston Bruins.

Both are planning to make the jump from midget hockey to the OHL next season, hoping that in two or three years their names will be called at another draft, one that will give them a shot at the NHL.

Jamie Sokolsky

Sokolsky, who played for Richmond Hill-Vaughan Kings Midgets last season, figures it'll take a little time to adjust to the quicker pace and bigger players in Junior A, but he is confident he can deal with the traffic in front of the net. He's already scrimmaged with some older Junior B players and managed to keep pace without much difficulty.

Sokolsky, who skipped bantam to play midget hockey, said his coach had enough confidence in him to play him in all sorts of game situations. He first got an inkling that the OHL scouts were interested when they started calling him in mid-season.

An 85 student at Langstaff Secondary School, Sokolsky attended Shaare Haim afternoon school until his bar mitzvah. His family are members of the Beth Tikvah synagogue.

Appel, who toiled the last couple of years with Toronto Red Wings midget team, says his size gives him plenty of room on the ice, but he expects to be challenged by the bigger players in Junior A. Without any false confidence, Appel says "I'll handle myself well, I think."

He's been playing a physical style of hockey ever since peewee — all the while avoiding taking many penalties. Appel, who attended the Beth Sholom afternoon school until his bar mitzvah, says he's going to use the opportunity afforded by Junior A to work on his skating and stickhandling. "I think I have to do more thinking on the ice, know what's going on around me all the time," he adds.

An all-round athlete, Appel's pitching prowess with North York Blues baseball team has gotten him noticed by the major leagues as well. Scouts from Kansas City Royals, San Diego Padres and Cincinnati Reds have spoken to him and invited him to tryout camps to see what he could do.

Ryan Appel

In two years, he'll be eligible for both the NHL and major league drafts, and he says that if he's lucky enough to be chosen in both sports, he'll probably choose hockey over baseball. "I love the game more, even if there's a little less money," he says.

Young Jews are urged to question their identity

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO — To tackle the problems of intermarriage and assimilation, young people must be allowed to question their Jewish identity, says a law student who has gone through this process.

"By telling young people what to believe, they get turned off of Judaism," said Naomi Brown, a member of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto's Task Force on Jewish Continuity.

Describing her own rediscovery of Judaism, Brown pointed out that a Jewish education is not always foolproof when it comes to retaining a Jewish identity

"I wasn't always so involved in the Jewish community and didn't always care so much," she told audience members at a recent panel discussion sponsored by the Association for Jewish Continuity. "I was one of those students who graduated slightly turned off."

She said that in high school — when she and her classmates were at an age when they liked to question everything — there was never an opportunity to discuss assimilation and intermarriage.

She said she began to appreciate her own Jewish education after high school graduation through working at the Canadian Jewish Congress one summer, where she developed an outreach program for young people from small towns who had little or no Jewish education. As part of her job Brown was required to research the Holocaust and in the process she learned of many incidents of Jewish resistance.

"All I had been taught was [that Jews were] like sheep to the slaughterhouse," she said of her previous education on the subject.

Brown said that as well as the need for discussing assimilation and intermarriage in the community, the issue must also be raised in the home.

She said that some parents refuse to discuss intermarriage, and in cases where dating leads to intermarriage, parents sometimes reject the child. By not discussing the subject, the "parent is pushing the child further away. By undermining their [child's] feelings, parents will turn the child off Judaism."

Brown said that although "we can't help who we meet and fall in love with," a strong Jewish identity will influence a young person's choice of spouse.

If intermarriage does occur, she said the community should not exclude the Jewish spouse who wants to continue practicing Judaism. By turning the person away, she said, you are turning away more Jewish people from the religion. "We can make sure the Jewish spouse retains [his or her] values and passes them on to the children."

A woman attending the panel discussion maintained that it is impossible to raise children as Jews if you marry someone who is not Jewish. "Children get confused," she said. "Its easier to be Christian than Jewish."

The moderator of the discussion, Edmond Lipsitz, added studies have shown that in cases of intermarriage, people "cease to be Jewish" by the third generation."

Brown replied that one of the Reform congregations runs a program that helps couples with mixed marriages to raise their children as Jews. "How can you say you're going to turn those people away?" she asked.

Paul Appleby, co-ordinator of Jewish adult education at the Markham Street Shul, has been taking classes at Aish HaTorah for the past 10 years. "I still today face a constant threat of assimilation and intermarriage," he said, emphasizing that the danger of assimilation and intermarriage is subtle.

However he remains positive that Jews will survive despite intermarriage and assimilation.

Replying to a comment from an audience members, Appleby said it is the responsibility of young people to make sure rabbis and teachers are addressing the question of assimilation and intermarriage in a way that young people are comfortable with. "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem," he said.

SINGLES EVENTS

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JCC New Leadership Program presents The 5th Annual Tu B'Av Festival Party, Thursday, July 29. 7:30pm. North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst Street. Barbeque, Nu Rhythm live band, door prizes. $18 in advance, $25 at door. For more information & tickets call 631-5658.

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VIEWPOINTS, a discussion group for single men/women meets **Tuesday, August 3rd.** Beth Tzedec, 1700 Bathurst. Guest Speaker: **Laurie Pawlitza, Lawyer, Family Law, of Goodman and Carr**. Topic: "Taking Your Lawyer To The Alter". How financial/legal considerations impact on marriage and co-habitation relationships. Discussion follows. $5.00. Refreshments. 7:30pm. Evelyn - 781-9245.

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Chaverim allows for social contact

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — When the 30 or so chaverim get together, they never know quite what to expect. Usually it's just a friendly social gathering, a time to enjoy a barbecue or a holiday celebration.

Once in a while, the meetings can be educational, even intensely so, as was the case recently when the group invited several members from the black community to discuss their views about the controversial musical *Show Boat*.

That program proved to be a real education for the members of the Davisville Village Chaverim, said spokeswoman Perla Riesenbach. The intensity of their guests' opinions and the depth of their emotions was startling, she said.

Most of the time, however, when the chaverim (Hebrew for friends) meet, the programs are much more tame. Sometimes they're oriented towards their children, sometimes for the adults, and sometimes for both.

That's the beauty of the chaverim, Riesenbach said. It affords the opportunity for people in a central area of town — one generally not thought of as a hub of Jewish life — to get together for programs and to socialize with other kindred spirits.

In its 18 months of existence, the chaverim have enjoyed Passover and Chanukah celebrations at a volunteer's home, taken their families for an outing at the Kortright Conservation Centre, had a pot-luck family picnic and invited speakers to address them on a variety of topics.

The group traces its origin to a chance meeting in February, 1992, when Riesenbach ran into Lois Adler and Gayle Benjamin at a babysitting co-op. Riesenbach later met Anndrea Lewis at a local library and the four women eventually came up with the idea to organize an informal group, unaffiliated with other Jewish organizations, that would serve as a forum for their programs.

Modelled on a similar group that has arisen in the Christie Pits area, the chaverim has grown to a core group of about 30 or 40. Most of the participants are between 30 and 45, though the group does not limit itself by age. While most members live in an area bounded by Leaside in the east, Roehampton in the north, Walmsley in the south and Oriole Parkway in the west, there are no rigid demarcation lines for membership, Riesenbach said.

The chaverim's membership has grown as more people learn about the group, mostly by word of mouth. "I feel close to these people," Riesenbach said. "We talk the same language [and we've] chosen to live in the same neighborhood. It's given me a sense of community and neighborhood."

Riesenbach points out that while socializing is the group's main raison d'etre, it has also taken on practical tasks, such as pushing for the Hebrew Heritage Program that is now being offered at Maurice Cody School. The chaverim mobilized the grass roots support that led the school to offer the weekly after-school program, she said.

The group also set up a table at the school's annual winter bazaar and completely sold out the dozen chanukkiahs it had stocked, along with Chanukah candles and dreidels. They also recruited two new families who had thought they were the only Jewish couples in the neighborhood.

For more information, Riesenbach can be reached at 482-1390.

Electron microscope campaign set

TORONTO — Israel will get its first and only electron microscope thanks to the efforts of the Canadian Technion Society.

The society recently launched a campaign to raise $1.5 million for the purchase of a high resolution electron microscope to be installed at Technion University, said campaign committee chair Jerry Friedman.

The Israeli government, which was behind the establishment of the National Centre for Electron Microscopy at Technion, will match the funds raised in Canada. The centre will benefit the students and research of all Israeli universities.

Friedman said the microscope, which can magnify specimens 100,000 times, will help medical research into cancer, heart disease and dental problems.

Defence applications include research into new materials for high temperature aerospace application and fuels for battle tanks.

The fundraising campaign will culminate Nov. 13 in An Evening of Excellence, a night of food, dancing, a casino and auction to be held at the Inn On The Park, to which all contributors are invited. Friedman said contributors of more than $1,000 will receive two tickets to the Sept. 8 performance of *Miss Saigon*, with a reception following.

Among the more than 60 people involved in the fundraising efforts for Technion are (pictured from left): Arnie Recht, president of the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Technion Society; Margot Friedman, chair of the Evening of Excellence committee; Mitch Kunin; and Jerry Friedman.

FAREWELL RECEPTION

From left, Ofer and Ronit Gavish, Avital and Shuli Dichter, pose at a recent farewell reception in their honor. Ofer Gavish has been Toronto's aliyah shaliach for the past two years; Shuli Dichter is completing a three-year term as shaliach for the Kibbutz Aliyah Desk and Hashomer Hatzair. Linda Israel, Montreal-based national director of Youth and Hechalutz for the Canadian Zionist Federation, presented the shlichim with gifts of commemorative plates depicting Canada geese. The shlichim return to Israel in August.

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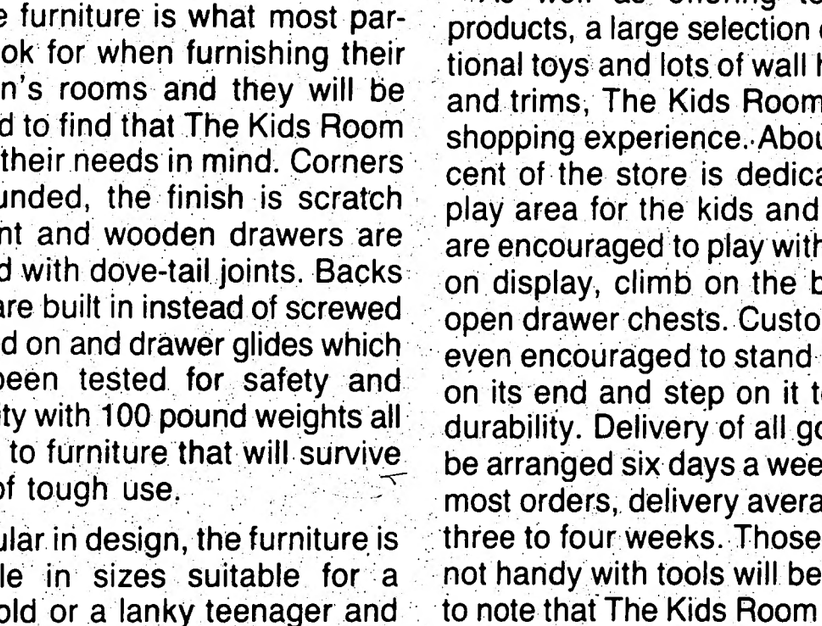

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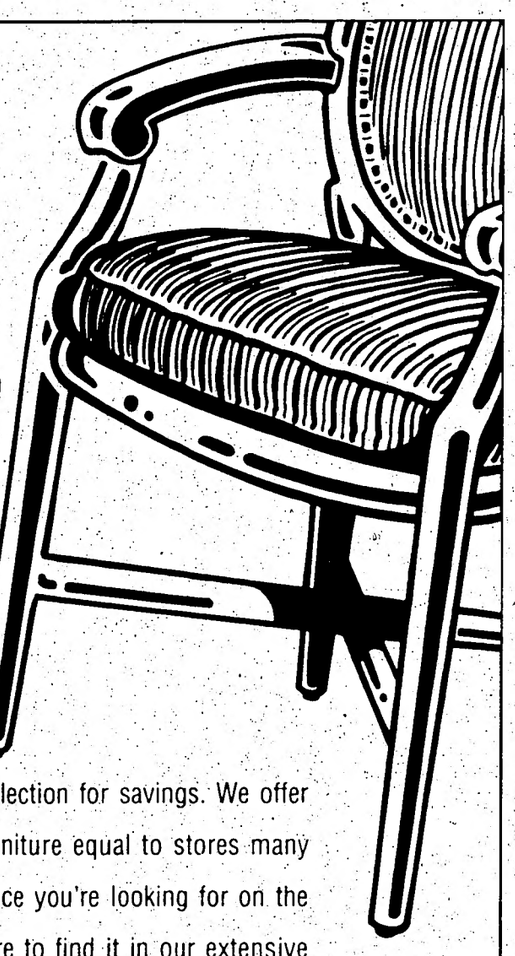

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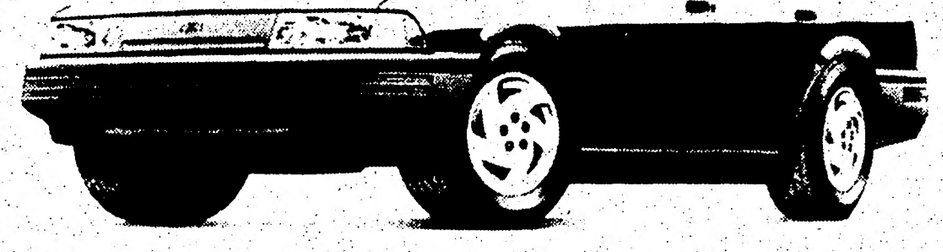

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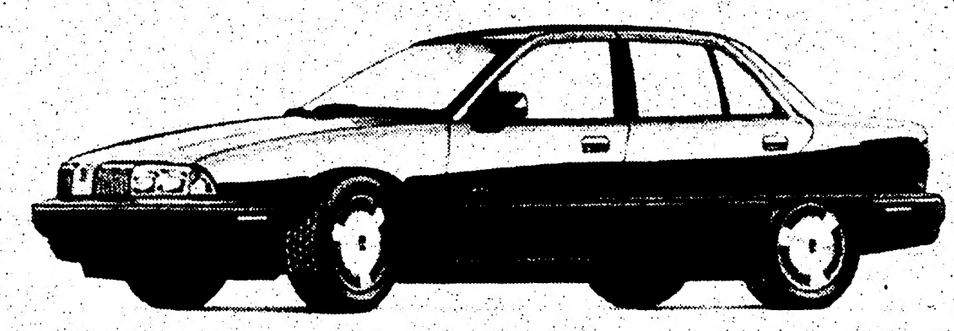

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Innocuous apartment scene of great drama

By PAUL LUNGEN

AMSTERDAM — From its front facade, 263 Prinzengracht is an innocuous enough building, hardly distinguishable from its equally unobtrusive neighbors.

It fronts on one of the many canals that cut through this bustling port city and a pleasant courtyard facing neighbors' gardens marks its rear boundary.

In the stillness of a recent Sunday morning, there was little to indicate that here, during World War II, a great human drama was played out, as a handful of desperate Jews hid themselves from the Nazis for two years until their secret was given away.

The story of those Jews was immortalized in the insightful and moving *Diary of Anne Frank*, by one of the Jews who sought to escape the Nazis by hiding in a secret, rear annex of the building.

After being translated into dozens of languages, the story as told by Anne, has gripped the imagination of people everywhere. Attesting to the universal appeal of Anne's story was the polyglot of languages — Spanish, English, Dutch and Italian — that could be heard during a recent visit to Anne Frank House.

Every year, 500,000 visitors snake their way through the warren of rooms in which Anne, her parents and sister Margot, plus four other Jews hid from the Nazis.

They were able to outfox the Nazis for two years thanks to the foresight of Otto Frank, Anne's father, who had a bookcase built on a hinge in the doorway leading from the public part of the building to the secret annex. The building and annex were part of Frank's business warehouse, which he had acquired after fleeing from Germany in 1933.

Anne Frank story brings tears to visitors' eyes

The rooms themselves are tiny and bare — the Nazis removed all the furniture — but there are small scale models in each room depicting how they appeared during the war. More effective in communicating the humanity of Anne and her family are the cut-out pictures of movie stars and other celebrities that she pasted on the wall in the manner of teenage girls everywhere. Also untouched from the 1940s is the spot on the wall where the Franks used to measure and mark the girls' heights.

But the main power behind the museum is the pathos of the Franks' story itself. Photographs accompanied by narrative tell how as Jews they could not flee from the Nazis and in the end, were captured by them.

There was no shortage of sniffles and visitors fought back tears as they read quotes from Anne's diary and learned of her humanity, her hopes and her optimism in the face of evil and barbarism.

The Franks' secret hiding place was discovered only one month before liberation and Anne eventually died in the concentration camp of Bergen-Belsen. Only Otto Frank survived the war and was given the diary afterwards.

Museum focuses on policies of ethnic cleansing

In addition to telling the Franks' story, the museum focuses on current manifestations of racism, with a display on the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Georgia and Moldova, comparing the policy of ethnic cleansing in Bosnia to Nazi policies.

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One final note. The rooms in the annex are connected with steep and somewhat narrow staircases that may be difficult for some visitors to climb.

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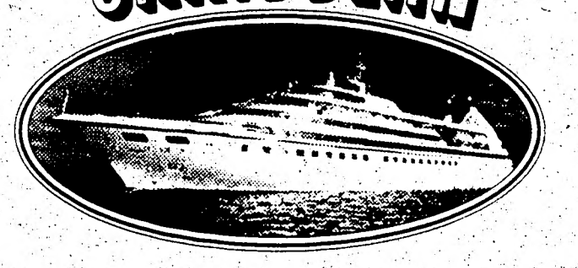
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Arts

Me'irim involves audience in show

By PAULA CITRON

TORONTO — Given that the Me'irim Dance Company is in residence at the Jewish Community Centre's Koffler School of Dance, it is not surprising that the group's prime concern would be Jewish-related themes. Artistic director Shula Saltzman's latest choreographic offering, *Sephardic Memories*, thus continues the established Me'irim tradition of depicting aspects of the Jewish experience through movement.

Saltzman is an ambitious dancesmith who has taken on the challenge of creating an evening-long work. She explores her theme beyond mere movement; in *Sephardic Memories*, Saltzman enhances her central idea by giving a greater role to both music and the environment.

A key feature of Me'irim is its multiculturalism. Although the inspiration for her works may come from Judaism, Saltzman deliberately includes among her dancers a broad ethnic representation which expands the Jewish themes to embrace universality. For example, a frequent collaborator is Patrick Parson, artistic director of Ballet Creole, a Toronto-based Afro-Canadian dance company.

Sephardic Memories has a most intriguing premise. Taking as her point of departure the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492, Saltzman creates an interactive experience for both the dancers and the audience. In short, the audience itself goes through the process of being expelled, not once, but several times.

Audience members together watched the opening and closing sections of *Sephardic Memories* in the Koffler's Studio Theatre, while in between they were divided into groups (by color-coded programs) and herded throughout the building to witness four other dance vignettes which, in effect, mirrored the travels of the Sephardim.

Those holding pink programs saw the various dance pieces which make up *Sephardic Memories* in the following order: *Noche de Novia*, a wedding ritual set in North Africa for four women; *Man's Domain: Three Dances*, a male trio using a joyous Simchat Torah tradition from Calcutta; the narrative duet *Shabbatai Tzvi* about a false messiah and his wife in Turkey; and the dramatic solo by Karusia Wroblewski Flynn in *To the Four Corners of the Earth* which depicted the Sepahrdic tradition adrift in alien cultures. The group travelled to the outdoor Amphitheatre, the Main Dance Studio, the Studio Theatre Lobby and the Theatre Lobby Stairs respectively. Presumably, the other audience groups saw these same pieces in a different sequence.

Moveable feast

On the positive side, Saltzman's chutzpah in producing a moveable feast of dance can be appreciated for its sheer inventiveness. One's mind boggles at the sheer mechanics of setting up an army of volunteers to shepherd the various audience groups around and equipping each of the five performing spaces with its own lighting and sound operator. Saltzman also scores high with her fascinating choice of music, a daring mix which ranged from traditional Sephardi melodies to modern-day avant-garde composers like minimalist Steven Reich.

Where Saltzman falters is in the execution of her dance vocabulary. In this piece, her movement could not disguise the different training of her company members (anywhere from ballet to modern) nor could it weld an uneven group of talents into a satisfying whole. As such, the large group pictures of *Tif'eret*, which opened the program, and *Shadows of Past and Future* which closed it, suffered from a lack of balance.

No matter how admirable *Sephardic Memories* was in its concept, the piece did not live up to Saltzman's great expectations.

Artist adorns film festival

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Mayer Kirshenblatt has warm memories of his boyhood in the Polish city of Opatow, and one of his favorites is of the days when he brought a herring home from his grandmother's, licking the brine as he went.

Mayer Kirshenblatt

The 77-year-old artist, who began painting seriously only three years ago, has done more than a score of paintings in homage to Opatow and many were exhibited as part of the Yiddish Film Festival at the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) Bloor and northern branches during June.

All the life cycle events march through his work--weddings, High Holy Days, Simchat Torah, funerals, and Sabbath evenings.

His grandmother used to sit outside over a pail of charcoal in the winter to keep warm while she looked after the business. Her husband studied in the synagogue all day. It was to grandma's store that young Mayer was sent for herring, instructed always to get a male one.

"In Canada people chop off the head and throw it away, but in Opatow we considered the head a delicacy, and with potatoes and onions, what a meal!"

Kirshenblatt was 16 when he came to Canada with his mother, Rivka, his father, Avner, having preceded them by six years. He still remembers rushing home from school at lunch time to get the best seat by the window of the kitchen.

The family attended a small, two-room synagogue along with other Zionist zealots like his father. One room was used for reading newspapers and books.

"The cheder I attended was a one-room affair. Young children were there in the morning while the older boys were in public school. When we returned in the afternoon, the young children went to public school. Thus, both schools were utilized full days."

One of the liveliest paintings is of Mayer walking home proudly holding a herring, wearing the kind of suit that was standard for boys from non-Orthodox homes attending public schools. The suit had plus fours wide enough to look like a skirt, red ski boots with brass eyes, double socks, one up to the knee and the second over the shoe, and white shoe laces. The white Slovacki collar was named after a 19th century Polish national poet who originated it. The hat was a compulsory school hat, four-cornered with a patent leather peak.

When he first came to Toronto, Kirshenblatt worked with his father as a house painter and decorator and later operated a paint and wallpaper store on Roncesvalles Avenue for 38 years. He retired at age 60 but the inactivity didn't suit him, so he went back to house decorating, shifting to retouching antiques and furniture when the other work became too heavy.

Three years ago when he and his wife Doris celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, one of his daughters, Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, a folklorist living in New York, suggested that he do a painting as a gift for his wife. That started him on a new career which led to the JCC exhibition and to a public exhibit at the North York Library in October.

The Kirshenblatts have two other daughters, Annie Berlin and Elaine Silver both of Thornhill.

On a visit to Opatow a few years ago, Kirshenblatt was distressed to find that in a city which housed 10,600 Jews there was no sign of any Jewish presence at all. He found that monuments from the Jewish cemetery had been broken up and used in street paving. Though some of the pieces were salvaged and restored into six monuments, the Hebrew script was placed upside down by the Polish workmen.

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By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Writing in English and Yiddish on Jewish themes in poetry, fiction and biography, won seven authors awards at the recent fifth annual Jewish Book Awards.

It was a special night as the largest crowd in its history (450) gathered at the Leah Posluns Theatre to witness the distribution of $3,200 to the award winners, including a new category of autobiography-memoir. This award was shared by Eta Fuchs Berk and Prof. Gilbert Allardyce, both of Fredericton, N.B., for *Chosen*, an account of the Holocaust.

Prof. Alan Davies of Victoria College at University of Toronto, and a United Church minister, won the award for scholarship. He edited *Anti-Semitism in Canada*.

Tributes were paid to Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg, chair of the Jewish book committee of the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, for increasing the number of awards from two to seven in a five-year span and for finding new donors for prize money.

In presenting the award for historical writing donated by her late parents, Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum, Frances Mandell said: "My parents were compelled to do what they did because of the Holocaust. They lost 125 relatives. In Canada, I heard their muffled cries. They rushed to the mail box every day hoping there would be word from some one."

The Tanenbaum award went to Prof. Michael R. Marrus for *Mr Sam: The Life and Times of Samuel Bronfman*.

One of the highlights was a reading by Dr. Shel Krakofsky of Komoka, Ont., from *The Reversible Coat*, his book of poetry which won the award for creative writing. One poem was about the problems of a family seder during the Stanley Cup playoffs, when the young people want the zayda to hurry the ritual along before the game ended. The other, titled *The Boys at the Back*, describes Krakofsky's comfort as he listened to bearded patriarchs reciting their prayers on an El Al plane headed for Israel.

Hy Bergel, left, chairman for the evening, and Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg, chairman of the Jewish Book Committee flank guest speaker Mel Hurtig, noted publisher and leader of the National Party of Canada.

A spirited reading in Yiddish and English was given by Sam Simchovitch, who won the Izzy and Betty Kirshenbaum Foundation prize for Yiddish for his autobiographical novel *Stepchild On the Vistula*. A prolific writer, Simchovitch has won two previous Jewish Book awards. His novel will be published in English later this year.

Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet of the Kielcer Congregation won the Penina Rubinoff Memorial Prize for bibilical and rabbinic scholarship for *Mashiach: The Principle of Mashiach and the Messianic in Jewish Law and Tradition*. It was presented by Rubinoff's daughter, Adina Rubinoff.

From Victims to Victors, by Peter Silverman and his cousins David Smuschkowitz and Peter Smuszkowicz, won the Holocaust Literature Award donated by Drs. Andrzej and Karolina Jus. Last year, the late Dr. Andrzej Jus and his wife added $1,000 to their prize.

The coming federal election is the most important in Canada's history and will decide whether Canada remains an independent country, said guest speaker Mel Hurtig, head of the National Party of Canada.

"I suggest you play a little less bridge, less golf, and do less socializing, and get involved in the political process in this elecion," he declared.

He said he would not make any appeal for membership in his party.

Greetings were brought by JCC president David Perlmutter and Eleanor Getzler, chair of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee.

Others participating were Cantor Louis Danto, Hy Bergel, chair of the awards evening, and presenters Hanna Schusheim, Bertha Sokol, Brenda Freedman, Miriam Berke and Bernard Katz.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Book Of Legends: Sefer Ha' aggada, edited by H. N. Bailik & Y. H. Ravnitzky, translated by William Braude, Schocken Books $95.00

A significant portion of rabbinic literature — Talmud and Midrash — is non-legal in nature. It includes much surprising and diverse matter: anecdotes about the sages, medical advice, astronomical information, popular folklore and superstition, etc. This material is of inestimable historical, sociological and religious interest and is presented in the form of homilies, proverbs, moral exhortation and contemporary history.

This melange of wisdom and babble, piety and fantasy, information and credulity stretches from about the third to the seventh centuries of the Common Era, but also includes some earlier material contemporaneous with the Talmud as well as some that was edited as late as the 10th century. A 19th-century Jewish scholar exclaimed, "Whatever the imagination can invent is found in the Aggadah."

This vast literary legacy represented a challenge to Bailik, the renowned modern Hebrew poet, and to his colleague Y. H. Ravnitzky, a well-known editor and journalist. They selected hundreds of texts, translated them into modern Hebrew and arranged them thematically for easy access and reference. Originally published in Odessa in 1908, this valuable and famous work has been translated for the first time into English — expertly and admirably — by the late Rabbi William G. Braude.

The innumerable entries begin with Biblical history from the time of creation to the destruction of the Second Temple and concludes with a group of teachings about good and evil, divination and evil, and a series of diverse proverbs and sayings.

The following are a number of brief selections from the anthology:

• "When a pig crouches it displays its cloven hoofs as if to say, 'see how kosher I am'."

• "A man had two wives, one very young and the other of advanced years. The young one used to pluck out his white hairs, while the old one used to pluck out his black hairs. In the end he became quite bald."

• "By three things is a man tested: by his give and take in business, by the amount of wine he imbibes, and by the length of his talk."

• "A single coin in a bottle goes clink, clink."

• "Why are words of Torah likened to water, wine and milk? Because just as these three liquids may become unfit for consumption only through inattention, so words of Torah are forgotten only through inattention."

• "When Rabbi Yannai saw a certain man giving a coin to a poor man in front of everyone, he said: It would have been better not to have given it to him than to have given it and put him to shame."

This mammoth tome of 900 pages is enhanced by an exhaustive index of names and subjects as well as a list of sources for the quotations.

The book's price is quite steep, but taking into account the magnitude of the achievement, this treasure trove, a source of knowledge and inspiration over many years, represents a bargain.

Eye on Arts

Eva Fishman will be back at the Skylight Theatre at Earl Bales Park on Aug. 2 at 8 p.m. for her annual concert. She will be accompanied by the Moshe Turk Orchestra, Ukrainian Dancers and Sarah Hershberg who will sing chassidic songs.

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Also at the park will be *Yiddish Forever Young*, a Yiddish-English musical revue. Nathan Garnick creates a lively show of Yiddish music and song. There will be two performances of the show on Aug. 10, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Admission is free for both events.

For more information about events at the Skylight Theatre call 392-3846.

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Joan Tooke has been appointed as the new director of the Koffler Gallery of the Arts, succeeding founding director Jane Mahut. The former executive director of the Ontario Crafts Council, Tooke is the immediate past president of the Association of Cultural Executives and chair of the John B. Aird Gallery.

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Two new exhibits recently opened at the Koffler Gallery.

In the Main Gallery, Puppetry in Canada: An Art to Enchant features approximately 30 puppets created by artisans from across Canada, documenting the contribution of Canadian artists to the field of contemporary puppetry. This travelling exhibition, organized by the Center for Puppetry Arts in Atlanta, will be supplemented at the Koffler Gallery with sets and puppets from the Lampoon Puppettheatre of Toronto, celebrating its 20th anniversary in 1993.

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The staff of the Koffler Centre School of Dance has prepared a unique summer program to involve youth from ages 8-15 in experiencing the music and dance of Broadway. Dances and songs from a collection of Broadway shows, will be showcased by the students at the end of the four week session.

During the four week period, participants receive a daily class in ballet, jazz and tap dancing and learn an array of production skills, such as prop, set and scene design.

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Business & Finance

Bakery's bagels n' buns known for freshness

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — When Max Feig first got into the bakery business about 39 years ago, his role was a lot simpler than it is today. In those days, he used to knock on doors, greet the housewives, often in Yiddish, and show off the bread and pastries he had trucked over from Crown Bread Bakery's Augusta Street location.

For 3½ years he flogged baked goods door to door until he and three partners — they were two bakers and two drivers — decided to open their own store.

They chose the modest premises at 3507 Bathurst St. Upstairs they sold the breads and pastries and downstairs they did the baking. Customers could peer in through a glass window and watch the entire process.

From that modest beginning, The Open Window Bakery got its name and Feig got his start as a proprietor in the business. Since that day in January 1957, the Open Window Bakery has grown to a multi-million dollar operation, one of Toronto's largest family-run bakeries.

Feig, a native of the small town of Bockov in the Carpathian Mountains of Czechoslovakia, bought out his partners in 1984. Since then, the business has continued to grow and "we now have 32 stores in Metropolitan Toronto and Mississauga," Feig said. Twenty-six are franchise operations, the remaining six are owned by Feig.

Where once the bakery's fleet consisted of two drivers peddling the baked goods up and down the Bathurst corridor, today drivers working on commission load up large trucks to carry Open Window products to buyers in Hamilton, Burlington, Oakville, Oshawa and Toronto. Restaurants and major grocery chains like Miracle Food Mart and Highland Farms are among the bakery's main clients and today, 65 percent of the bakery's business is attributable to non-franchise accounts. Some of those clients have been Open Window customers for 30 years.

With 320 employees on the payroll, Open Window has come a long way from its modest operations of 1957.

Today, the bakery takes great pains to maintain its reputation for quality in a highly competitive market.

Franchisees are required to keep products fresh and can keep them only for a limited time.

Feig said the competitiveness of the marketplace means he's now selling bread cheaper than 40 years ago. With his unionized shop, it's tough to compete with bakeries that employ non-union labor and sell at rock bottom prices, he said.

"But if someone wants a good rye or pumpernickle or a bagel, they will come to the Open Window and pay more, because nobody in the city makes it like us," Feig said.

Feig, 72, said the bakery still uses the old country recipe it did when it started business, but is has also expanded its recipe list to cater to modern tastes for multi-grain breads. The bakery goes through more than 200,000 pounds of flour a week and its 60,000-square foot North York production centre is in use 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Feig said the biggest sellers are rye breads and kaiser buns. "Bagels used to be a Jewish thing," he said. "But no more. Now, gentiles know bagels as much as Jews."

He recalls that when he first sold bagels in the Scarborough Town Centre 20 years ago, people asked, "What kind of donut is that?

"If I sold 10 dozen a week, it was a lot. Now, I sell 100 dozen in one day on the weekend."

For Feig, the success of his business is a far cry from the days in 1942 when he was snatched from his hometown of Bockov and taken as a slave laborer to work first in Szeged, Hungary and then to Yugoslavia, where he toiled in a copper mine.

As the war wound down, he was forced to march to a number of concentration camps. The war ended for him in Buchenwald, where he was so sick from typhus, he couldn't move.

After he recovered, he moved to Israel and worked as a bricklayer. In the early '50s, he, his wife Rose and two small children moved to Toronto and for part of a year, he again worked as a bricklayer. From there he went on to the bakery business as a delivery man, and from there, to eventually head his own company.

Israel economy grows

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The economy grew an impressive two percent in the first quarter of the year, while partial figures for April and May show that economic activity stalled due to the closure of the territories, according to a Central Bureau of Statistics report.

Tzipi Gal-Yam, the Treasury's economic adviser, said that although the first quarter Gross Domestic Product figure was impressive, the ministry would not revise upward its four percent yearly growth estimate.

Quarterly data are too volatile to serve as good indicators for the year, she said. Last year, after the first quarter data was released, everyone predicted an economic slowdown. Instead, we saw a year of unprecedented growth, she said.

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Sunkist's trademark service puts its customers first

By LEN BUTCHER

"We treat our customers as we would like to be treated."

A simple enough slogan, but one that has been the foundation for the success of Sunkist for more than 20 years in the highly-competitive supermarket league.

"People don't want to be treated like just another number," says Jack Comella. "They want some attention, someone to spend a little time with them. We live in a world where everything is mass-produced and everyone's in a hurry. It's nice to feel that somebody cares and that's what we try to do with our customers."

This philosophy, plus hard work and high quality merchandise, have allowed Sunkist to create its own niche in the market, particularly with its newly refurbished store on Woodbine Avenue, just north of Steeles.

By far the smallest of Sunkist's three stores, it nevertheless is a showpiece, from its bright, airy interior featuring a capuccino bar, Gourmet-to-Go section, salad bar, bakery, large fresh meat and fish display and deli, to a colorful outside fruit and vegetable section.

Comella is proud of this store. You hear it in the way he talks and see it as he stops to talk to customers, rearranges a display and jokes with staff. Although an architect was hired to design the store, Comella supplied much of the input. He likes to refer to the store as a "boutique-type" or "specialty" supermarket. A place, he says, where "you can fill all your grocery needs, but have the added advantage of being able to buy those specialty items."

The "new look" Sunkist has apparently appealed to shoppers, since it opened in January, according to Comella. For instance, business in the Gourmet-to-Go section has increased by more than 100 percent and there's been a strong increase in each section throughout the store.

But where did it all start and who is Jack Comella anyway?

Comella came to Canada from Italy in 1964 and went to work for his uncle who owned a fruit and vegetable store at Danforth and Carlaw in Toronto. "It was called Sunkist then," says Comella, remembering the early days. "My uncle, who opened the store in 1929, said that the sun shone almost all day long on that corner, so he named the store Sunkist."

But several years later, his uncle decided to retire and his son, who had been in the business with him, also wanted out. The store was offered to Comella. "I wanted to buy it, but I needed a partner, so I asked my friend Angelo Pugliese to come in with me. This was in March of 1967 and we're still partners."

The partners were the first to introduce 24-hour-a-day shopping on the Danforth, says Comella, and the reason was simple. "We were young and had no money," he says, laughing. "We wanted to make more money and we knew to do that we had to expand, so we kept putting more merchandise on the sidewalk to create more business, which it did. The trouble was that it took us hours every morning to set up and the same at night to bring everything in.

"We decided it would be easier to hire someone overnight so we could leave the produce out on the street and save all that work."

In 1973, the partners purchased the Woodbine location, which was an open air market, "mainly a summer business," says Comella. "We operated like that until 1979 and then rebuilt the store so that it would be more of an enclosed small supermarket but with the emphasis still on fruits and vegetables, which have always been our strength."

During this time, the two men divided duties, with Pugliese running the Danforth store and Comella taking care of Sunkist's Woodbine location. The decision to move north to Woodbine, says Comella, is that we were looking for a location where we felt we could do a good business in the future. The city was growing very fast at the time and north of the city, in the Markham area, looked like it had great potential over the next 10 to 15 years."

They were right. Business increased and several years later, the partners decided to expand again, looking for the same kind of site as Woodbine. This time they chose the Erin Mills-Hwy 403 area in Mississauga. "We bought the land and built a 25,000 square foot store, which was much larger than the 14,000 square feet we had at Woodbine." This was in 1984.

The produce department remained the drawing card, but now Sunkist offered a full line of groceries, an in-house bakery and deli and meat department that its other locations didn't have. The store did well and "is still doing very well," says Comella.

Did Comella change his marketing techniques or philosophy when he moved into the big leagues?

"The only difference was that at Woodbine the store was 75 percent produce and 25 percent other items. In Mississauga, it was 35 percent produce and 65 percent other items, but because of the size, the 35 percent produce in the Mississauga store was larger than the 75 percent produce at Woodbine.

"As far as philosophy, it has never changed. We treat our customers as we would like to be treated. We even have that printed on our letterhead and that philosophy has never failed us."

But there's more to this story. In 1980, the partners had purchased a piece of land at the corner of Markham Road and 16th Avenue but felt it wasn't the right time to develop. The right time did, however, come in 1988 when Markham had by then become a flourishing community. So another Sunkist was added to the list, similar to the one in Mississauga. This store has also done "very well from the beginning," says Comella.

Two years prior to the Markham store opening, the original Sunkist on the Danforth was sold. There were now three locations, but the Woodbine store looked like "it needed a facelift."

Comella and Pugliese had been tossing around ideas for several years, trying to decide what to do with it. "We were very much restricted by size," says Comella. "We only had so much land and we couldn't enlarge the building. With only 14,000 square feet and half of that for storage, there weren't many options."

One option was to continue on with the emphasis on fruits and vegetables and a few main grocery items. The other was to change completely and that's the route they went. With no regrets, says Comella.

"We didn't try to target any particular market. We simply wanted to appeal to people who want to shop in a small specialty store that offers high quality, cleanliness and personal service and I believe we accomplished that."

But isn't it difficult to compete with the big boys of the supermarket world?

Comella has a simple answer. "A mouse should always be aware of the elephant nearby so that he doesn't get stepped on. So what you do is learn to dance around the elephant to survive.

"Remember, an elephant takes longer to make a move. A mouse has much more mobility, so you take advantage of this. It's not easy. You have to work very long hours and have to go that extra mile to give better service, better quality, a cleaner store, all of the things that people want, but it can be done."

Just ask Jack Comella.

Jack Comella stands beside Sunkist's fresh salad bar. [Rough Layout photo]

Jack Comella helps customer bag oranges [Rough Layout photo]

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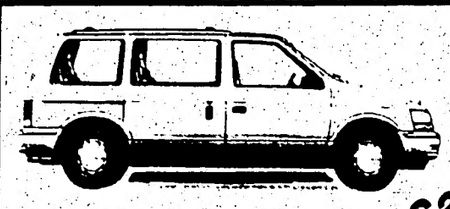

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ECONOMIC NEWS FROM ISRAEL

JERUSALEM — Two Canadian companies have signed an exclusive, worldwide licensing agreement for an anti-epileptic drug developed at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. A patent application for the drug has been issued in the United States, with other patent applications pending in Israel, Canada, and in Europe.

The drug is expected to provide 24-hour therapeutic blood levels of sodium valproate with once-daily oral administrations. The once-daily dosage is an aid to taking medication faithfully. This is critical to good seizure control. Moreover, the controlled release feature can help prevent side effects by promoting smoother absorption of the drug into the blood without high peak levels.

The licensing arrangement was entered into between the Hebrew University's Yissum Research Development Company in Israel and Canguard Health Technologies Inc. of Vancouver, B.C., and its strategic corporate partner, Pharmascience Inc. of Montreal. The new product to be produced and sold by Canguard and Pharmascience is called Nuroval SR, a novel sustained-release form of the popular anti-epileptic agent, sodium valproate.

The world market share for this new form of sodium valproate is estimated at $400 million annually, and is growing at about 15 percent a year. Sales of the new product as an investigational drug are expected to begin in late 1993, with general marketing anticipated in late 1995 or 1996.

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Trading with the Vietnamese

The Israeli **Koor-Sahar Co.** has signed an agreement with a Vietnamese government corporation to sell chemicals to the value of $50,000 in the first such deal between the two countries. The Israeli firm may soon open a branch in the Vietnamese capital. Talks were recently held between government officials to develop relations, designed to lead ultimately to the establishment of diplomatic ties.

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U.S. trade with Israel

Annual trade between the United States and Arab and North African countries totals more than $40 billion (almost equally divided between exports and imports) with Saudi Arabia having the largest share. It has now been reported that Israel comes second, marketing almost $4 billion worth of goods in the United States annually, and buying products to the same value. The figures are based on the 1992 levels.

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Saving time in printouts

The **Electrokal Co.** in Israel has devised a supplement attached to a computer's connection to its printer, which cancels the shutdown of the computer during printing, and is able to handle information up to four megabytes, equivalent to a thick book. It costs 750 shekels (approx. $270) and can store all material sent for printout, while the computer itself continues to work on other material.

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Israeli graphics sold to Arabs

A new Israeli sophisticated graphic software program, developed by the **ACA Co.** owned by the **Klal Corporation**, is being sold in Arab countries such as Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Tunisia and Morocco. Architects in those countries say the program is the most modern and easiest to operate.

A French agency is marketing the product in the Arab countries. The graphics are in seven languages, including Japanese and Spanish. More than 3,000 architects' offices around the world have bought it so far, and it is being used by more than 200 architects in Israel.

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Air system to Spanish

The Israeli Aircraft Industry has signed an $85 million contract with the Spanish Air Force to provide it with a sophisticated "flying intelligence system" of electronic warfare for Boeing military planes. The publication *International Defence Review* reports that it is the biggest deal concluded by the Spanish armed forces for electronic warfare equipment.

Most of the components are still secret. The system is to gather exact intelligence through sophisticated listening devices. Its development will be jointly handled by the Spanish and Israeli military industries, and it will be installed in Spanish Air Force Boeing aircraft

Israel's jewelry industry gets boost

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM — The jewelry industry is one of the fastest growing branches of the Israeli economy, thanks, in part, to immigrants from Ethiopia.

Ethiopians already constitute 15 percent of the industry's 4,500-strong work force, and their role is likely to increase in the years ahead. This is because they are more generously endowed than most other Israelis with the qualities which jewelry-making requires: "good hands," patience and perseverance.

Most new entrants into the field, wherever they come from, are trained at The Jewelry Technical Centers of Israel, the largest of which is in Tel Aviv. Despite its severely cramped quarters, the Tel Aviv Center annually graduates some 350 young people, all of whom are snapped up by an industry whose exports, $414 million in 1992, are going up by some 20 percent a year.

The dynamic center director, 29-year-old Arie Shmilowitz, says that his institution could train three times as many people if it were expanded. But the government, the municipality and the joint distribution committee, all of which support the center, are unable to come up with the funds required for expansion: indeed, they can't even find the money needed to repair the walls that were damaged when Scuds landed nearby during the Gulf War.

Ethiopians, who make up some 30 percent of the trainees at the center today, come in without prior knowledge of metal work, which had been a monopoly of the Christians in Ethiopia; Jews only fashioned ornaments and figurines from clay. But they catch on quickly and, at the same time, are given an opportunity to learn more about Israeli life and improve their Hebrew.

Upon graduating, they will probably get a job in one of the 80 relatively small firms in the Tel Aviv area. For example, at K.G.H. Jewelry Ltd. which specializes in the production of clasps, 10 of the 35 employees are immigrants from Ethiopia.

The Ethiopians are all young women in their 20s who came here during Operation Moses in 1984. Udia (now Yehudit) Eniyu, like most of the rest, is from a family of farmers in Gondar, and had no formal education before arriving in Israel. Here, she studied first at the Mikve Israel Agricultural School and then went on to the Jewelry Center, mainly because it guaranteed her a job on graduation.

Eniyu doesn't see her family very often because she lives near Rehovot, in central Israel, while her family resides in Haifa. But she enjoys her independence, which she wouldn't have had in Ethiopia, where women, with rare exceptions, don't work outside the home.

Yet despite their Israeli lifestyle, the young Ethiopians, says K.G.H. Manager Gabriel Konig, still form a distinct element within his work force. They differ significantly, for instance, from the Russian immigrants employed by K.G.H., as is evident when Konig asks his employees to work overtime in order to fill an urgent export order. The Ethiopians will generally refuse; they want to go home at the end of their eight hours. The Russians, however, jump at the opportunity to earn the money required to buy a secondhand car or put a down payment on a larger apartment.

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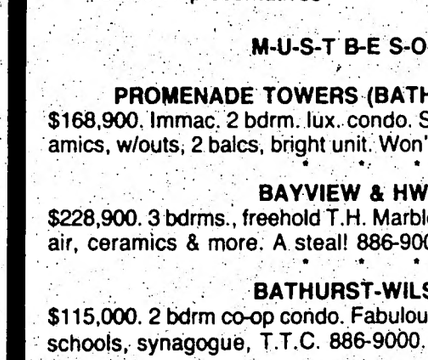

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Berman, Genia on June 30, 1993
Grossman, Selma on July 2, 1993, late of 8 Kingsbridge Crt.
Harris, Jack on June 29, 1993, late of 41 Lyonsgate Dr.
Hutter, Rosalia on July 3, 1993, late of 3636 Bathurst St., #1904
Kay, Molly on July 1, 1993, late of 62 Greenbush Cres.
Kirschner, Ida on June 28, 1993, late of 7601 Bathurst St., #614
Kover, Faye on June 29, 1993, late of 370 Ridelle Ave., #1603
Moldofsky, Morris on July 2, 1993, late of 325 Bogert Ave., #387
Pecher, Bella on July 2, 1993, late of 33 Roxborough Lane
Wasserman, Dr. David on June 29, 1993
Berman, Gaye Anne on July 4, 1993, late of 25 Paynter Dr.
Cohen, Jack on July 4, 1993, late of 3171 Bathurst St., #104
Eichler, Howard Sheldon on July 4, 1993, plate of 5 Fisherville Rd., #1209
English, William on July 5, 1993, late of 3636 Bathurst St., #1411
Grula, Hannah on July 6, 1993
Krystal, Sophie on July /, 1993
Marcus, Morris on July 5, 1993
Shemen, Nathan on July 8, 1993, late of 197 Lonsmount Drive
Adler, Nathan on July 12, 1993, late of 38 Elmbridge Dr.
Barg, Isak on July 8, 1993, late of 755 Steeles Ave. W., #908
Delnick, Ester Ray (Ruth) on July 9, 1993, late of 110 Marlee Ave., #504
Enzel, Esther on July 8, 1993, late of 26 Almont Road
Fleischmann, Josef on July 9, 1993
Hertzman, Alex on July 8, 1993, late of 4005 Bayview Ave., #617
Felton, Harry Lawrence on July 10, 1993, late of 55 Sunnydene Crescent
Lambert, Lillian (Lilly) on July 10, 1993
Ray, Richard David on July 12, 1993, late of 20 Morley Road
Steyr, James on July 11, 1993, late of 250 Davenport Rd., #419
Zilberman, Efraim on July 10, 1993, late of 765 Steeles Ave. W. #1604
Elsler, Joseph on June 15, 1993, late of 36 Brookview Drive
Fisher, Samuel on Jubne 19, 1993
Fruitman, Jerry on June 19, 1993, late of 389 Brooke Ave,
Grosz, Bertha on June 17, 1993, late of 100 Antibes Dr., #2007
Lemberg, Mary on June 18, 1993, late of Baycrest Nursing Home
Scher, Rose on June 17, 1993, late of 6161 Bathurst St., #1202
Shapiro, Brajna on June 18, 1993, late of 10 Torresdale Ave., #1003
Welsz, Freda on June 18, 1993
Amato, Albert on June 26, 1993, late of 90 Apricot St.
Chumec, Syma on June 24, 1993
Ekstein, Helen on June 28, 1993, late of 4300 Bathurst St., #712
Elsner, Sadie on June 24, 1993, late of 3869 Bathurst St., #2
Futerman, Clara on June 23, 1993, late of 35 Danby Ave.
Gordon, John on June 26, 1993, late of Dunn Ave.
Pulver, Sarah on June 29, 1993
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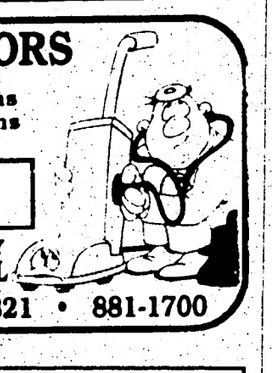

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By DEE KRAMER

TORONTO — Sallyann Amdur Sack went to Israel from Washington D.C., to track down members of her family, the Solamavitzs from Slotnick. She found them, despite Nazi records showing that 90 of her relatives were killed within two days in Auschwitz.

Sack became the editor of *Avotaynu*, the international journal of Jewish genealogy. She also authored *A Guide to Jewish Genealogical Research in Israel* (1987), and co-authored *Where Once We Walked* (1991), a reference book that documents 22,000 towns in central and eastern Europe where Jews lived before the Holocaust.

Sack opened her talk at the 12th Annual Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy, held in Toronto from June 27 to 29, with two trivia questions. Of the 54 Jewish genealogy societies around the world, which is the only one that does not have "Jewish" in its title? The one in Israel. And where does Ashkenazi and Sephardi genealogy meet? In Israel of course.

Many of the 60 or so people who attended Sack's workshop (one of the most well-attended of the seminars) will be attending next year's conference in Jerusalem. They wanted to know whether it was essential to speak Hebrew (no, but it helps when reading telephone books). Could they pay someone to do preparatory research for them? (Yes) Would they find the bureaucracy a problem? (Of course. This is Israel after all!)

"Israel is a great resource for finding people related to you. I guarantee that you all have a distant cousin in Israel," said Sack.

New connections

Sack said people often find relatives in Israel whose ancestors immigrated during the British mandate. "The idealists went to Zion, and the pragmatists came to [North America] to make a living." Another source of mishpocha are the new Russian olim. "New connections are being made all the time," said Sack.

And how to find that distant cousin? The first stop should be Yad Vashem's Hall of Names, which contains the written testimonials of more than 3 million Holocaust victims.

The Israel Genealogical Society has promised to help delegates as much as possible with their search in Israel. They will be given the Hebrew, Yiddish and Russian spellings of the names and places they are searching for, including all the possible variations in phonetics, and even ways to find name changes. They will be lining up Israeli experts who will be helpful as both translators as well as guides.

Dr. Anthony Joseph, a general practitioner from Birmingham, England, who has been a passionate genealogist since he was 12, tried to explain why genealogy has gripped so many people. "I have relatives who have been in jail, and others who have been on the honors roll. It's all the same to me. They say that genealogy is really "Mishpocha-ology."

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CUCUMBERS 3/1.00

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LARGE SIZE 24'S
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JUICES .99 3x250 ml Kosher

AN OLD FAVOURITE!
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MR. PURE
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SAVE $2.00!
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LEVITT'S
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FRESHLY GROUND
KOSHER
MINCED CHICKEN ✡ 3.99 lb.

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TO WILMINGTON STORE ONLY!

FREE **SUNNYBROOK Shuttle Bus Service**
Tuesdays & Thursdays
PROVIDED BY Shomer Transportation Ltd.

9:30 AM	PICK UP AT **Cedarcroft & Bathurst** (Cedarcroft next to Royal Bank)	9:35 AM	PICK UP AT **135 Antibes Dr.** (in front of apartment building)	9:45 AM	PICK UP AT **15 & 25 Canyon Ave.** (Canyon, near Bathurst Street)	9:50 AM	PICK UP AT **4455 Bathurst St.** (in front of apartment building)
10 AM	ARRIVES SUNNYBROOK	11 AM	DEPARTS SUNNYBROOK				
12:40 PM	PICK UP AT **JCC, 4588 Bathurst St.** (at main entrance)	12:45 PM	PICK UP AT **B'nai Brith Building** 4266 Bathurst (on Reiner Rd.)	1:00 PM	ARRIVES SUNNYBROOK	2:00 PM	DEPARTS SUNNYBROOK

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